

## DHCS All Plan Letter Summary

To: Medi-Cal network participants

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Subject: All Plan Letter 26-006: Skilled Nursing Facility Workforce Quality Incentive Program

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The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) recently issued [All Plan Letter \(APL\) 26-006](#), "Skilled Nursing Facility Workforce Quality Incentive Program." We are sharing a summary of this APL with you to ensure you are aware of the information, and you can apply the information to your practice or facility operations, where appropriate.

APL 26-006 provides managed care plans (MCPs) such as Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan with instructions on the payment and data sharing process required for the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Workforce and Quality Incentive Program (WQIP) for rating periods between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2025, when the program ended.

This APL supersedes [APL 25-002](#), which established the SNF WQIP.

### Key information

APL 26-006 follows the SNF WQIP program description outlined in APL 25-002, with the following changes:

- When sending payments to SNF providers, MCPs are advised to designate that the payment is for the SNF WQIP and note to which plan year the payment applies.
- The APL adds guidelines for paying interest on late SNF WQIP payments.
- MCPs are advised to publish SNF WQIP-eligible providers' contracted bed days and payment totals on a public website maintained by each MCP. (See the [Blue Shield Promise SNF WQIP web page](#).)

This summary is only meant as a brief description of the APL. Please see the APL itself for additional background and the complete requirements. The full text of APL 26-006 may be found at this URL: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/APL26-006.pdf>.

(Links to the websites above will take you off the Blue Shield Promise website.)

For more information about the SNF WQIP, please visit the [Blue Shield Promise SNF WQIP web page](#).

If you have questions about the SNF WQIP, please send them via email to our LTSS Liaison at [PHPSNFProvInquiries@blueshieldca.com](mailto:PHPSNFProvInquiries@blueshieldca.com). You can also contact our Provider Customer Service team via Live Chat after logging in at [blueshieldca.com/provider](https://blueshieldca.com/provider) or call **(800) 468-9935** from 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.