

Summary of DHCS Medi-Cal Provider Bulletins – December 2025

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) issued Medi-Cal bulletins during **December 2025** with updates on the below topics. We are sharing this update with you to ensure you are aware of the information, and you can apply the information to your practice or facility operations, where appropriate.

General Medicine

- 1) Fourth Quarter Rate Update for Select Contraceptive HCPCS Codes
- 2) Updates to Intermittent Urinary Catheters and Medical Supplies Billing Codes, Units and Quantity Limits
- 3) Codes 0211U and 0487U Are New Medi-Cal Benefits
- 4) PLA Code 0421U Is a New Medi-Cal Benefit
- 5) TAR and Non-Standard Benefits Clarification
- 6) Clarification on Documentation Requirements for Select Doula Codes
- 7) Important Coverage Update: Effective January 1, 2026, Medi-Cal Will No Longer Cover Federal FDA-Approved GLP-1 Medications
- 8) Provider Manual Revisions:
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For information about the above changes, please refer to: [Medi-Cal Update - General Medicine| October 2025| Bulletin 618](#)

Reminders:

- Providers should bill using valid Medi-Cal codes and following Medi-Cal guidelines for modifiers. Please visit the [dhcs.ca.gov](#) website for detailed billing and rate information.
- Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA) certification number (10-digit code) is required in box 23 of CMS-1500 claim form.
- Laboratories should regularly monitor the [CMS website](#) for new CLIA regulatory requirements.
- Blue Shield Promise requires the JW modifier (indicator of single dose container drug waste) when submitting drug claims.
- For long-term care (LTC) with ownership change, when DHCS publishes updated rates, Blue Shield Promise considers both the current and former NPI to price claims according to the LTC rate on file.
- For billing and diagnostic purposes, Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) shall be coded as other and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS) shall be coded as autoimmune encephalitis until the American Medical Association and the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services create and assign a specific code or codes. At this time, DHCS recommends using these diagnosis codes:

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- PANDAS: D89.89, which is used for "other specified disorders involving the immune mechanism, not elsewhere classified"
- PANS: D89.9, which is used for "disorder involving the immune mechanism, unspecified"

If you have questions about applying a benefit to Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan members, please call our Provider Customer Service Department at **(800) 468-9935** from 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.