

## Summary of DHCS Medi-Cal Provider Bulletins – February 2026

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) issued Medi-Cal bulletins during **February 2026** 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. Correction: HCPCS Code J1572 Is a Medi-Cal Benefit
2. Required Modifier and VFC Coverage Updated for MMRV Vaccine
3. Policy Update for CPT Code 0402T
4. Update for Select ICD-10 PCS Codes for Quarterly 2025
5. 2026 Update for ICD-10 CM and ICD-10 PCS Codes
6. PLA Code 0464U Updated to Benefit Status
7. Provider Manual Revisions
  - a) [chemo drug n-o \(14\); dyadic ser \(2\); non inject \(38–59, 60–62\); tar and non cd8 \(18\)](#)

For information about the above changes, please refer to: [Medi-Cal Update - General Medicine | February 2026 | Bulletin 620](#)

### Long Term Care

8. 2026 Distinct Part Adult Subacute Annual Rate Update
9. 2026 Freestanding Adult Subacute Reimbursement Rate Update
10. 2026 Administrative Day, DP/NF-B and Rural Swing Bed Rate Update

For information about the above changes, please refer to: [Medi-Cal Update - Long Term Care | February 2026 | Bulletin 588](#)

### Reminders:

- Providers should bill using valid Medi-Cal codes and following Medi-Cal guidelines for modifiers. Please visit the [dhcs.ca.gov](https://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:
  - 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.