

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

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) issued Medi-Cal bulletins during **March 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. Justice-Involved Reentry Initiative: Reimbursable Claim Forms for CBO and LHJ Providers
2. PAD Provider Manuals Converted to Excel and New Manual Sections Added
3. 2026 Income Eligibility Guidelines for the Every Woman Counts Program
4. ICD-10-CM Code Update for CPT Codes 83001 and 83002
5. 2020 Quarterly Medical Policy Update for Select ICD-10-CM Codes
6. New Modifiers for CPT Codes 93297 and 93298
7. Miudella Copper IUS Contraception Added as Medi-Cal and Family PACT Benefit
8. PLA Codes 0562U, 0569U and 0570U are Medi-Cal Benefits
9. Administrative Days Policy Clarification for Subacute Care Programs
10. Provider Manual Revisions
  - a) [cal child med \(2\)](#); [cel gen over \(2, 3, 4-6\)](#); [inject bil cms \(1\)](#); [inject cd list \(1,2\)](#); [modif used \(3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 17, 27\)](#); [non ph \(20, 26\)](#); [ophthal cd \(1, 9\)](#); [presum bill \(21, 28\)](#); [prev \(4, 26\)](#); [tar and non cd0 \(6-7, 19, 21-23, 26, 28-32, 37, 38, 43, 45-47, 50, 59, 62, 64, 65, 67-69, 73, 76, 80, 82, 85, 88\)](#); [tar and non cd4 \(33\)](#); [tar and non cd8 \(3-21, 22\)](#); [tar and non cd9 \(35\)](#); [tar and non cde \(3\)](#)

For information about the above changes, please refer to: [Medi-Cal Update - General Medicine | March 2026 | Bulletin 621](#)

### Long Term Care

11. 2026 Freestanding Skilled Nursing Facility Level-B Rates Update

For information about the above changes, please refer to: [Medi-Cal Update - Long Term Care | March 2026 | Bulletin 589](#)

### Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supplies

12. DME Code E0297 Benefit Status Change

For information about the above changes, please refer to: [Medi-Cal Update - Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supplies | March 2026 | Bulletin 606](#)

### 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.