

Summary of DHCS Medi-Cal Provider Bulletins – October 2025

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) issued Medi-Cal bulletins during **October 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. 2025 HCPCS Quarter 4 Update
2. Frequency Change for Select CPT Codes
3. Select Laboratory Test Codes Are Now Medi-Cal Benefits
4. Reminder and Clarification: Medi-Cal Coverage and Billing Policy for Non-Invasive Prenatal Screening Laboratory Tests
5. Sterilization Consent Form Update
6. Provider Manual Revisions
 - a. [OC get start \(4, 6-8\)](#); [cel gen acc \(1-7\)](#); [chw prev \(1-18\)](#); [ecmo ecls \(1-6\)](#); [medne other \(1-3\)](#); [medne hyp oxy \(1-4\)](#); [medne gastro \(1-4\)](#); [medne nutri \(1-3\)](#); [preg post \(6\)](#); [prob lab \(52\)](#); [radi \(3\)](#); [radi dia \(32-34\)](#); [rec cd ip \(5\)](#); [surg integ \(7, 8\)](#); [tar and non cde \(1-17\)](#); [tar and non cdg \(13, 51-52\)](#); [tar and non cdmp \(1-20\)](#); [tar and non cdrs \(1-22\)](#); [tar and non cdtv \(10, 11\)](#)

For information about the above changes, please refer to: [Medi-Cal Update - General Medicine | October 2025 | Bulletin 616](#)

Medical Transportation

7. Eligible Provider List Update for PP-GEMT IGT Add On

For information about the above changes, please refer to: [Medi-Cal Update - Medical Transportation | October 2025 | Bulletin 601](#)

New Blue Shield Promise Medi-Cal Claims Tips Web Page

To reduce errors resulting in claim denials, we have compiled several tips to help providers correctly submit Medi-Cal claims to Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan. You can navigate to the page by clicking the tile at the bottom of the [News and Announcements](#) page or click the link below to check it out.

[Visit the Tips for Submitting Medi-Cal Claims page](#)

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.

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- Blue Shield Promise requires the JW modifier (indicator of single dose container drug waste) when submitting drug claims.
- 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.