

Summary of DHCS Medi-Cal Provider Bulletins – November 2025

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) issued Medi-Cal bulletins during **November 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) Update to the List of Contracted Waterproof Sheeting
- 2) HCPCS Code J1412 Dosing Based on Weight Update
- 3) Required Modifiers LT and RT Added to HCPCS Code Q5155
- 4) Clarified Guidance for Billing HCPCS Codes S5110 and S5111 for BHT Services
- 5) Rate Update for Durable Medical Equipment
- 6) Maximum Dose Update for HCPCS Code J3402
- 7) Pulse Oximetry CPT Codes 94761 and 94762 are Medi-Cal Benefits
- 8) CPT Surgery Code 66174 Added as a Benefit
- 9) Diagnosis Restrictions Removed for CPT Codes 84702 and 84703
- 10) Updated: Medi-Cal List of Contracted Incontinence Absorbent Products
- 11) Updates to the Medi-Cal List of Contracted Incontinence Creams and Washes
- 12) Provider Manual Revisions
 - a) [doula \(6\)](#); [dyadic ser \(15\)](#); [eval \(25, 39\)](#); [ev woman \(7\)](#); [gender \(1–5\)](#); [just inv \(10, 19, 20, 22, 23–27\)](#); [modif used \(2, 6\)](#); [non spec mental \(5\)](#); [path bil \(25\)](#); [preg early \(3\)](#); [prop lab \(76, 83\)](#); [radi \(9\)](#); [radi dia \(1\)](#); [surg \(11\)](#); [surg bil mod \(9\)](#); [surg female \(2\)](#); [surg lap \(1\)](#); [surg male \(2\)](#); [surg urin \(8\)](#); [tar and non cd3 \(44\)](#); [tele mod \(1–17\)](#)

For information about the above changes, please refer to: [Medi-Cal Update - General Medicine | October 2025 | Bulletin 617](#)

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:
 - 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.