

To: Medi-Cal Provider Network Participants

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**Subject: Department of Health Care Services Medi-Cal Provider Bulletins**

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The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) issued Medi-Cal bulletins during 2019 with updates on several topics. We are sharing these updates with you to ensure you are aware of the information, and you can apply the information to your practice or facility operations, where appropriate.

1. Certain Induce Abortion Procedure Codes Exempt from Payment Reduction
2. Clarification: EWC Covered Procedures Quick Reference Sheets Update
3. Scleral Contact Lens Is a Medi-Cal Benefit
4. Rate Update for Certain Skin Substitute Products
5. ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes Added for BRAF Gene Analysis
6. TAR Requirements Updated for Gene Analysis Benefit
7. Evocative and Suppression Panel Tests Now Medi-Cal Benefits
8. Office Consultations May Be Conducted at Urgent Care Facilities
9. Microbiology Procedure Code Policy Updates

For information about the above changes, please refer to the [Medi-Cal Update – General Medicine – October 2019: Bulletin 544](#).

10. Updated Medi-Cal Benefit for Cough Stimulating Device and Replacement Components  
Read the [Medi-Cal Update – DME and Medical Supplies – October 2019: Bulletin 529](#).

11. ICD Requirement for Spinal Canal Ultrasound

12. Updates to Clinic Dispensing of Internal (Female) Condoms

13. Remove Frequency Limits for Select Intrauterine Devices and Contraceptive Implant

14. Maximum Dose Restriction for Acyclovir Injection Removed

15. Update to Buprenorphine ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code Requirement

Read the [Medi-Cal Update – General Medicine – November 2019: Bulletin 545](#).

16. Frequency Limit Updated for Certain DME Codes  
Read the [Medi-Cal Update – DME and Medical Supplies – November 2019: Bulletin 530](#).

17. October 2019 HCPCS Quarterly Update: Policy Updates
  18. 2020 CPT Annual Update
  19. ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code No Longer Required for Fulvestrant Injection
  20. New Medi-Cal Policy Information on Reimbursement for Childhood Developmental Screening
  21. Screening for Adverse Childhood Experiences Is a Medi-Cal Covered Benefit
  22. Podiatry Services Restored as Medi-Cal Covered Benefits
  23. Audiology and Speech Therapy Services Restored as Medi-Cal Benefits
  24. Time-Limited Supplemental Payment for Specific Family Planning Services
  25. Incontinence Medical Supply Claims Billable with Select HCPCS Codes
  26. National Correct Coding Initiative Quarterly Update for January 2020
  27. Physician-Administered Drugs Update
  28. Updates to Incontinence Creams and Washes
- Read the [Medi-Cal Update – General Medicine – December 2019: Bulletin 546](#).

29. Pediatric Incontinence Products Are Non-Taxable
  30. In-line Cartridge Containing Digestive Enzyme Reimbursable as Medical Supply
- Read the [Medi-Cal Update – DME and Medical Supplies – December 2019: Bulletin 531](#)

31. 2019 – 2020 Distinct-Part Pediatric Subacute Reimbursement Rates Established
  32. Updated Reimbursement Rates for Distinct Part Adult Subacute Facilities
  33. 2019 – 2020 Intermediate Care Facility Reimbursement Rates Update
  34. Long Term Care Facility Rate Change for Nursing Facilities Level A
  35. 2019 – 2020 Distinct-Part Nursing Facilities Level B Reimbursement Rates
  36. Institutions for Mental Diseases Reimbursement Rates Update
  37. Continuity of Care at Skilled Nursing and Intermediate Care Facilities
- Read the [Medi-Cal Update – LTC – December 2019: Bulletin 514](#).

If you have questions about applying a benefit to Blue Shield Promise members, please call our Provider Customer Care Department at **(800) 468-9935** from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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