

Network Provider Update

To: Medi-Cal and Cal MediConnect* network participants

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Subject: **All Plan Letter 21-008, Tribal Federally Qualified Health Center Providers**

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) recently issued [All Plan Letter \(APL\) 21-008](#), "Tribal Federally Qualified Health Center Providers." We are sharing a summary of this APL with you to ensure you are aware of the information, and you can apply the information to your practice or facility operations, where appropriate.

APL 21-008 explains reimbursement requirements for Tribal Federally Qualified Health Centers (Tribal FQHCs), a new clinic provider type that Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services now allows to participate in Medi-Cal.

Managed care plans (MCPs) such as Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan must reimburse Tribal FQHCs according to the Alternate Payment Methodology outlined in APL21-008 and the [rates shown in Attachment 1](#).

Additional information:

- The APL addresses reimbursement for up to three (3) covered services per day, including medical, mental health and ambulatory services.
- Non-Medical Transportation, Non-Emergency Medical Transportation, and Pharmacy benefits will continue to be reimbursed outside of the Alternate Payment Methodology.
- MCPs are not responsible for reimbursing services that are carved out of their contract with DHCS.
- See [Attachment 2](#) for a list of all Tribal FQHC providers.

This summary is only meant as a brief description of the APL. Please see the APL itself for additional background and the complete requirements. The full text of APL 21-008 may be found at this URL: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2021/APL-21-008.pdf> (Links to the DHCS.ca.gov website will take you off of the Blue Shield Promise website.)

We will inform you if, in response to this APL, changes are made to current Blue Shield Promise processes that affect your practice.

If you have questions about applying any of the information in this notice to Blue Shield Promise members, please call our Provider Services Department at **(800) 468-9935** from 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

*Cal MediConnect network participants are responsible for identifying and applying the guidance and requirements that pertain to their patients.