

To: Medi-Cal and Cal MediConnect\* network participants

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Subject:

**COVID-19 All Plan Letters – APL 20-022 revisions regarding vaccinating children and boosters**

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The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has issued several All Plan Letters (APLs) to Medi-Cal managed care plans (MCPs) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Recently, APL 20-022 was revised regarding COVID-19 vaccination of children ages 5 and older and recommendations for vaccinated adults ages 18 and older to receive booster shots. We are sharing a summary of these APL guidelines with you to ensure you are aware of the information.

Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan (Blue Shield Promise) also publishes other [COVID-19 information](#), some of which pertains to network Medi-Cal service providers.

**APL 20-022**

**COVID-19 Vaccine Administration**

Updates include:

- Children ages 5 and older are now eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccinations.
- Adults ages 50 and older and those who are 18 and older and residing in long-term care settings who received either the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine or the Moderna vaccine should receive a booster of any of the 3 FDA-approved vaccinations at least 6 months after their second shot.
- Adults who received the Janssen vaccine should receive a booster of any of the 3 FDA-approved vaccinations at least 2 months after their shot.
- All adults ages 18 and older who received the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine may receive a booster of any of the 3 FDA-approved vaccinations at least 6 months after their second shot.

This summary is only meant as a brief description of the APL guidelines. Please see the entire APL for the complete requirements. The full text of all DHCS managed care APLs may be found at this URL: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Pages/AllPlanLetters.aspx>. Links to the DHCS.ca.gov website will take you off of the Blue Shield Promise website.

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.