

## Network Provider Update

To: Medi-Cal 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 June 2021 with updates on the below topic. 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.

1. Temporary Increased COVID-19 Durable Medical Equipment Oxygen and Respiratory Rates

For information about the above changes, please refer to the Medi-Cal Update - [Medi-Cal: Medi-Cal Update - Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supplies | June 2021 | Bulletin 549](#)  
[Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supplies | June 2021 | Bulletin 549](#)

2. 2021 HCPCS Q3 Update
3. Policy Updates for Opioid Use Disorder Emergency Department Treatment
4. Updates to Drug and Alcohol Use Screening and Counseling
5. Retroactive Policy Change for Drug Use Screening
6. Procedure Type and Benefit Status Updated for CPT Code 48160
7. National Correct Coding Initiative Quarterly Update for July 2021

For information about the above changes, please refer to the Medi-Cal Update - [Medi-Cal: Medi-Cal Update - General Medicine | June 2021 | Bulletin 564](#)  
[General Medicine | June 2021 | Bulletin 564](#)

If you have questions about applying a benefit to Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan members, please call our Provider Services Department at **(800) 468-9935** from 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Reminder:** Providers should bill using valid Medi-Cal codes and following Medi-Cal guidelines for modifier requirements. Please visit the Medi-Cal website for detailed billing information.

**Emergency Broadband Benefit:** Eligible low-income households will receive a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Please advise interested patients to visit [www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](http://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit) to learn more.