

## Network Provider Update

To: Medi-Cal network participants

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### **Subject: Summary of 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 **September 2024** with updates on the below topics. We are sharing this summary 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. Policy Correction: CPT Codes 76811 and 76817 Not Reimbursable for Licensed Midwives
2. Policy Correction: CPT Codes 76802, 76810 and 76813 Not Reimbursable for Licensed Midwives
3. HCPCS Codes Q0224 and M0224 for COVID-19 Therapeutics Added as a Medi-Cal Benefit
4. CPT Codes 97014 and 97022 Added for Licensed Midwives
5. Updated Licensed Midwives Evaluation and Management Codes
6. Physician-Administered Drugs Added as Benefits for the Justice-Involved (JI) Reentry Initiative
7. CPT Code 81412 Updated to a Medi-Cal Benefit
8. Place of Service Added for CPT Codes 90832, 90834, 90837 and 90791
9. CPT Code 76805 No Longer Reimbursable for Licensed Midwife and Certified Nurse Midwife Services
10. Update to Licensed Midwife and Certified Nurse Midwife Categories of Services
11. Pharmacy Providers May Supervise and Bill for Community Health Worker Services
12. Rates Update for HCPCS Codes A4269, J3490 and J7304
13. Medi-Cal Provider Training Presentations
14. Updated Mental Health Plan Contact Information
15. National Correct Coding Initiative Quarterly Update for October 2024
16. Provider Manual Revisions: [chemo drug i-l \(5\)](#); [tar submit \(1, 2\)](#)

For information about the above changes, please refer to: [Medi-Cal Update - General Medicine | September 2024 | Bulletin 603](#)

#### **Long Term Care**

17. 2024 Freestanding Pediatric Subacute Facilities Reimbursement Rate Update
18. 2024 Nursing Facilities – Level A Reimbursement Rate Update

For information about the above changes, please refer to: [Medi-Cal Update - Long Term Care | September 2024 | Bulletin 571](#)

**Reminders:**

- Providers should bill using valid Medi-Cal codes and following Medi-Cal guidelines for modifiers. Please visit the [dhcs.ca.gov](https://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.

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.