

Network Provider Update

To: Medi-Cal and Cal MediConnect* network participants

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Subject:

All Plan Letter 21-016, California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal Incentive Payment Program

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) recently issued All Plan Letter (APL) 21-016, "California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal Incentive Payment Program." 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 21-016 provides guidance on the incentive payments linked to the Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports (In Lieu of Services [ILOS]) programs that are part of the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (Cal-AIM) initiative. Managed care plans such as Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan can qualify for CalAIM incentive payments by participating in the ECM and ILOS programs.

The incentive program is expected to be in effect from January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024. The program period will be split between three distinct Program Years (PY):

- PY 1 (January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022)
- PY 2 (January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023)
- PY 3 (January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024)

[Attachment 1](#) provides a reporting template for Program Year 1.

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 21-016 may be found at this URL: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2021/APL21-016.pdf> (Links to the DHCS.ca.gov website will take you off of the Blue Shield Promise website.)

Please direct questions about serving Blue Shield Promise members to 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.