

Summary of DHCS Medi-Cal Provider Bulletins – May 2025

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) issued Medi-Cal bulletins during **May 2025** with updates on the below topics. 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.

General Medicine

1. 2025 HCPCS Quarter 2 Update
2. Genetically Handicapped Persons Program Reimbursement Process
3. Update to Medi-Cal Telehealth Policy for Brief Virtual Communications and Check-ins Using CPT Code 98016
4. HCPCS Code J9172 Is Now a Medi-Cal Benefit
5. Provider Manual Revisions
 - a. [chw prev \(6\)](#); [fam planning \(16\)](#); [preg com exc \(1 - 9\)](#)

For information about the above changes, please refer to: [Medi-Cal Update - General Medicine| May 2025| Bulletin 611](#)

Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supplies

6. Updated ICD-10-CM Codes for HCPCS Code E3200

For information about the above changes, please refer to: [Medi-Cal Update -Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supplies| May 2025| Bulletin 596](#)

Long Term Care

7. 2025 Pediatric Subacute Facilities Reimbursement Rate Update

For information about the above changes, please refer to: [Medi-Cal Update -Long Term Care| May 2025| Bulletin 579](#)

Reminders:

- Providers should bill using valid Medi-Cal codes and following Medi-Cal guidelines for modifiers. Please visit the 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.
- For billing and diagnostic purposes, Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) shall be coded as other and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS) shall be coded as autoimmune encephalitis until the American Medical Association

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and the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services create and assign a specific code or codes. At this time, DHCS recommends using these diagnosis codes:

- PANDAS: **D89.89**, which is used for "other specified disorders involving the immune mechanism, not elsewhere classified"
- PANS: **D89.9**, which is used for "disorder involving the immune mechanism, unspecified"

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.