

Network Provider Update

To: Medi-Cal network participants

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Subject: Summary of Department of Health Care Services Medi-Cal Provider Bulletins

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) issued Medi-Cal bulletins during **October 2024** 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. 2024 HCPCS Quarter 4 Update
2. Newborn Gateway: Reminder on How to Inform Families
3. Select Injections No Longer Reimbursable for Licensed Midwives
4. Surgery CPT Codes 54401 and 54405 Update
5. Policy Update for CPT Code 90683
6. ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes Required for Doula Services
7. Updated Licensed Midwives Billing Codes
8. Billing Requirement Updated for Abortion CPT Codes 59820, 59821, 59840 and 59841
9. TAR Requirement and Frequency Limit Removed for CPT Codes 95115 and 95117
10. Policy Update for Telehealth E-Consult Services
11. Provider Manual Revisions [modif used](#) ; [non ph](#) ; [palli care](#)

For information about the above changes, please refer to: [Medi-Cal Update - General Medicine | October 2024 | Bulletin 604](#)

Community-Based Adult Service

12. Annual FQHC and RHC Medicare Economic Index Percentage Increase
13. CBAS Provider Assistance Phone Number Updated – 1 (800) 541-5555

For information about the above changes, please refer to: [Medi-Cal Update - Community-Based Adult Services | October 2024 | Bulletin 601](#)

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.

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.