

Network Provider Update

To: Medi-Cal and Cal MediConnect* network participants

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

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) issued Medi-Cal bulletins during September 2021 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.

1. 2021 HCPCS/CPT® Q4 Update
2. Maximum Doses of Palivizumab Increased for 2021–2022 RSV Season
3. New Billable Services for Podiatrists
4. Radiology Codes 74261 thru 74263 Are Now Medi-Cal Benefits
5. Home Dialysis Codes Added to Medi-Cal Provider Manual
6. Mircera Injection for Non-ESRD Use Is Now a Medi-Cal Benefit
7. Radiology Reimbursement Rates Are Updated Retroactively
8. Upcoming Changes to Outpatient Claims Processing and Provider Identifiers
9. Frequency Limit Updated for Evaluation and Management Service
10. Drug Safety Communication: Voluntary Recall of Varenicline (Chantix) Lots Containing Nitrosamine
11. Drug Safety Communication: FDA Requests Removal of Pregnancy Contraindication for Statins

For information about the above changes, please refer to the Medi-Cal Update - [Medi-Cal: Medi-Cal Update - General Medicine | September 2021 | Bulletin 567](#)[General Medicine | September 2021 | Bulletin 567](#)

12. Temporary Increase: COVID-19 Durable Medical Equipment Oxygen and Respiratory Rates
13. Updates to Rental Policy for Intrapulmonary Percussive Ventilators/Devices
14. Frequency Limit Updates for Select DME Codes
15. Updates to the List of Medical Supplies Billing Codes, Units and Quantity Limits

For information about the above changes, please refer to the Medi-Cal Update – [Medi-Cal: Medi-Cal Update - Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supplies | September 2021 | Bulletin 552](#)[Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supplies | September 2021 | Bulletin 552](#)

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.

New revised claim submission process for incontinence and other medical supply products

We recently updated Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan systems to enable providers to submit electronic claims and encounters for medically necessary incontinence products and other medical supply products for Medi-Cal and Cal MediConnect members, using Uniform Commercial Codes (UCCs) and other Product/Service ID codes, in addition to National Drug Codes (NDCs).

[Read instructions](#)

*Cal MediConnect network participants are responsible for identifying and applying the guidance and requirements that pertain to their patients.