

## **Network Provider Update**

To: Medi-Cal and Cal MediConnect\* network participants September 2022

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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 August 2022 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. FDA Approves COVID-19 Vaccine for Children 6 Months and Up
- 2. New Approval Messages for COVID-19 Uninsured Group User Guide
- 3. Levofloxacin Added as Clinic Benefit for Family PACT and Medi-Cal Programs
- 4. Rate Update for Contraceptive Vaginal Gel
- 5. Radiology Reimbursement Rates Updated Retroactively
- 6. Family PACT and Medi-Cal Programs End Date Essure
- 7. Reminder: Annual Cognitive Assessment Added as a Medi-Cal Benefit
- 8. Reminder: Discontinued and Invalid Z Modifiers

For information about the above changes, please refer to Medi-Cal: Medi-Cal Update - General Medicine | August 2022 | Bulletin 578

- 1. Rate Update for HCPCS Code A4268
- 2. Rates for Contraceptive Patches Billed with HCPCS Code J7304

For information about the above changes, please refer to Medi-Cal: Medi-Cal Update - Clinics and Hospitals August 2022 | Bulletin 575

## Reminders and updates:

- On July 20, 2022, the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) issued "Special Fraud Alert: OIG Alerts Practitioners to Exercise Caution When Entering into Arrangements with Purported Telemedicine Companies."
  - o Read a summary of the alert in the News section of the Provider Connection website.
  - o Or, read the full alert at https://oig.hhs.gov/documents/root/1045/sfa-telefraud.pdf
- Join us for a webinar on September 20, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. featuring Tina Sacks, Ph.D., Assistant Professor at UC Berkeley School of Social Welfare, to explore the impact of racism on American medicine and what we can do to help improve the healthcare experience of people of color and combat health inequities. CME is available at no cost.

- Please remind Medi-Cal patients to check in with their local county office if their address has changed during the past two years. Members can find their local county office and apply for benefits at <u>BenefitsCal.com</u>.
- 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.

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.

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