

## 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**

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The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) issued Medi-Cal bulletins during March 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. Frequency Limits Updated for COVID-19 Related Laboratory Codes
2. Laboratory/Pathology Non-Specific ICD-10-CM Codes Update
3. Clinical Laboratory Rate Adjustment Effective July 1, 2021
4. Changes to National Correct Coding Initiative January 2022 First Quarter Update
5. National Correct Coding Initiative Quarterly Update for March 2022
6. Postpartum Care Expansion for Medi-Cal and MCAP Beneficiaries

For information about the above changes, please refer to the Medi-Cal Update [Medi-Cal: Medi-Cal Update - General Medicine | March 2022 | Bulletin 573](#)

1. Updates to the List of Contracted Intermittent Urinary Catheters
2. Updates to Rental Policy for Oscillation System

For information about the above changes, please refer to the Medi-Cal Update [Medi-Cal: Medi-Cal Update - Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supplies | March 2022 | Bulletin 558](#)

### **Reminders:**

- Beginning May 1, 2022, all adults aged 50 and older may qualify for full Medi-Cal benefits, regardless of immigration status. [Learn about Older Adult Expansion.](#)
- DHCS has recently clarified [Medi-Cal Rx billing policy for physician administered drugs.](#)
- As specified in All Plan Letter 21-009 (Revised), Medi-Cal is prioritizing the use of 25 Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Z codes to better target enhanced care management and community support programs. View a quick interactive resource for clinicians and staff: [Collecting Social Determinants of Health Data.](#)
- 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.

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

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.