

Summary of DHCS Medi-Cal Provider Bulletins – June 2025

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) issued Medi-Cal bulletins during **June 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. Rate Updates for Select Contraceptive HCPCS
- 2. 2025 Skin Substitute Rate Update
- 3. Medi-Cal Coverage for Behavioral Health Treatment Services
- 4. Provider Manual Revisions
 - a. OB hw to use (1); chemo drug a (15); ev women (6, 17-18, 19); modif used (4, 26); non ph (20, 21); tar and non cd9 (7, 26-40); transgender (3, 4)

For information about the above changes, please refer to: Medi-Cal Update - General Medicine June 2025 Bulletin 612

Audiology and Hearing Aids

5. CPT Codes 92622 and 92623 Are Medi-Cal Benefits

For information about the above changes, please refer to: Medi-Cal Update -Audiology and Hearing Aids

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Long Term Care

- 6. Freestanding Skilled Nursing Facilities Reimbursement Rates for Calendar Year 2024
- 7. Freestanding Skilled Nursing Facilities Reimbursement Rates for Calendar Year 2025
- Freestanding Skilled Nursing Facility and Adult Subacute Units Calendar Year 2025 and 2024 Rates Update

For information about the above changes, please refer to: Medi-Cal Update -Long Term Care June 2025 Bulletin 580

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 <u>CMS website</u> for new CLIA regulatory requirements.

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- 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 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:
 - o PANDAS: D89.89, which is used for "other specified disorders involving the immune mechanism, not elsewhere classified"
 - o 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 Customer Service Department at **(800) 468-9935** from 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.