
PROVIDER UPDATE No. 122

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TO: Providers

FROM: CalOptima Provider Network Management

SUBJECT: Procedure Code Updates

Based on the Medi-Cal bulletins and Newsflashes, CalOptima has updated the procedure codes for the subjects listed below:

- CPT Code for COVID-19 Testing Exempt from AB 97 10 Percent Payment Reduction
- CPT Code for COVID-19 Testing Now a CLIA-Waived Test
- CPT Codes 86408 and 86409 for COVID-19 Testing are Medi-Cal Benefits
- New Benefits to Aid Targeted Genomic Sequence Analysis
- Brachytherapy Codes C2616 and Q3001 are New Medi-Cal Benefits
- Modifier Update to HCPCS Codes G8431 and G8510 for Depression Screenings
- Providers May Bill for Remdesivir to Treat COVID-19
- Billing Requirements for COVID-19 Telephonic Communications for FQHC/RHC and IHS-MOA
- Advanced Notification of Billing Change for Pen Needles

For detailed information regarding these changes, please refer to the September General Medicine Bulletin 555, <https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/bulletins/artfull/gm202009.aspx>, Newsflashes, https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/newsroom/newsroom_30633.aspx and https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/newsroom/newsroom_30656.aspx,

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