

PROVIDER Bulletin



KERN HEALTH SYSTEMS

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Monkeypox Medi-Cal Benefit

Dear Provider,

Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) released updates for Medi-Cal benefits testing, screening, and vaccinations for the Monkeypox disease.

Members may receive vaccines from Medi-Cal Pharmacies who should bill direct to Medi-Cal Rx.

If vaccine is provided by a physician in the physician's office and billing a medical claim, please use CPT code 87593 which will help to streamline the reporting of orthopoxvirus and monkeypox testing.

Testing:

- **87593:** Infectious agent detection by nucleic (DNA or RNA); orthopoxvirus (e.g., monkeypox virus, cowpox virus, vaccinia virus), amplified probe technique each.

Vaccinations

There are two vaccines that can be used for monkeypox virus infection:

- **JYNNEOS (also known as Imvamune or Imvanex)**, is licensed (or approved) by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the prevention of monkeypox virus infection
- **ACAM2000**, is licensed (or approved) by the FDA for use against smallpox and made available for use against monkeypox under an Expanded Access – Investigational New Drug Application

DHCS will continue to update and inform all Medi-Cal providers about testing and vaccinations related to monkeypox as guidance becomes available.

FQHC/RHC reimbursement information can be found by visiting:

https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/newsroom/newsroom_31823_03.aspx

KHS posts all bulletins on the KHS website, www.kernfamilyhealthcare.com, choose Provider, then Bulletins.

For any questions, please contact your Provider Relations Representative at 1-800-391-2000.

Sincerely,

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