

# Important Notice About Personal Blood Pressure (BP) Cuffs and Monitoring Devices for Medi-Cal Members

Alameda Alliance for Health (Alliance) values our dedicated provider partner community. We have an important update we would like to share with you regarding personal blood pressure (BP) cuffs and monitoring devices.

**Effective Monday, August 1, 2022**, personal home-use BP cuffs and monitors for use with personal home BP monitoring devices will be covered by Medi-Cal Rx as a pharmacy-billed item. Medi-Cal Rx began covering these items on Wednesday, June 1, 2022. Effective Monday, August 1, 2022, the Alliance will no longer cover these items directly.

## Does this change apply to all Alliance members?

No. This change only applies to Alliance Medi-Cal members. There is no change for Alliance Group Care members. Requests for Alliance Group Care members will continue to be submitted to California Home Medical Equipment (CHME) via fax at **1.650.931.8928**.

#### What CPT codes does this change apply to?

- A4660 (blood pressure apparatus with cuff and stethoscope)
- A4663 (blood pressure cuff only)
- A4670 (automatic blood pressure monitor)

## What products does Medi-Cal Rx cover?

Covered products are restricted to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Medi-Cal Rx list.

## Where can I find the list of covered items?

A complete list of covered personal BP monitoring devices and BP cuffs is available on the DHCS Medi-Cal Rx website at **www.medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/provider/pharmacy-news**.

#### How do I submit the request to Medi-Cal Rx?

Requests must be submitted to a Medi-Cal Rx-approved pharmacy. To find a pharmacy, please visit the DHCS Medi-Cal Rx website at **www.medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov**.

For more information, providers may call the Medi-Cal Rx Customer Service Center toll-free at **1.800.977.2273** and choose **option 4** to reach a Clinical Liaison.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for providing high-quality care to our members and community. Together, we are creating a safer and healthier community for all.

> Questions? Please call the Alliance Provider Services Department or you may contact your Provider Representative directly Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 5 pm Phone Number: **1.510.747.4510** www.alamedaalliance.org