



Proposition 56 Supplemental Payments

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Dear Providers,

The following information outlines what Prop56 is and how to submit any concerns, issues, or questions regarding Prop56 to Aetna Better Health of California (ABHCA).

Voters approved the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act (known as Proposition 56), which increased the excise tax rate on cigarettes and tobacco products back in November, 2016. As a result of this approval, Assembly Bill No. 120 was passed in 2017 to appropriate Proposition 56 funds for specified Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) healthcare expenditures.

DHCS has issued several All Plan Letters (APLs) to govern the distribution of Proposition 56 funds, mainly as supplemental payments to providers and facilities dating back to 2017. Each APL contains specific information regarding covered services, program effective dates, funding amounts, qualification requirements, and guidelines for these payments.

APL 19-013

Proposition 56 Hyde reimbursement requirements for specified service
<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2019/APL19-013.pdf>

APL 19-015

Proposition 56 directed payments for physician services (supersedes APL 19-006)
<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2019/APL19-015.pdf>

APL 19-016

Proposition 56 directed Payments for developmental screening services
<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2019/APL19-016.pdf>

APL 19-018

Proposition 56 directed payments for adverse childhood experiences screening services
<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2019/APL19-018.pdf>

A QUICK REMINDER:

HAS YOUR OFFICE RELOCATED OR CHANGED A FAX OR PHONE NUMBER LATELY?

DO YOU OFFER TELEHEALTH SERVICES?

WOULD YOU PREFER TO RECEIVE THESE NOTICES VIA EMAIL RATHER THAN VIA FAX?

FOR QUESTIONS CALL THE PROVIDER EXPERIENCE TEAM AT:

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THIS PROVIDER UPDATE HAS BEEN SENT TO:

PROVIDER TYPE(S):

- IPA/Medical Groups
- Primary Care Providers
- Specialist Providers
- Hospitals
- Ancillary
- SNF
- DME
- Home Health
- Other

LINE OF BUSINESS:

- Aetna Medi-Cal Managed Care

COUNTIES:

- Sacramento
- San Diego

APL 20-014

Proposition 56 value-based payment program directed payments

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2020/APL20-014.pdf>

APL 22-011

Proposition 56 directed payments for family planning services (supersedes APL 20-013)

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2022/APL22-011.pdf>

APL 22-021

Proposition 56 Behavioral Health Integration Incentive Program

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2022/APL22-021.pdf>

Frequently Asked Questions**Who is eligible for Prop56 Supplemental payments?**

Any professional provider who is eligible to bill for the applicable services included in any of the APLs governing Proposition 56 funds is eligible for supplemental payments.

Is anyone excluded from Prop56 Supplemental payments?

In general, services rendered in the following settings are excluded from Proposition 56 supplemental payments: Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Rural Health Centers (RHCs), Cost Based Reimbursement Clinics (CBRCs), and Indian Health Setting (IHS).

When are Prop56 Supplemental payments effective?

The effective dates and periods for Proposition 56 payments vary, depending on the APL governing their distribution.

What is the payment amount for Prop56 and how will I know which codes to bill for a Prop56 Supplemental payment?

The eligible (qualified) procedure codes and corresponding supplemental payment amounts vary based on the specific guidelines for each APL.

Who do I contact if I have not received my payment?

A team of Aetna Better Health of California (ABHCA) associates are waiting to hear from you.

Contact Us

Email at Prop56Inquiries@Aetna.com

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