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RE: Reminder Discontinued CPT Codes

Dear Direct Network Providers,

L.A. Care Health Plan (L.A. Care) would like to remind our Fee-for-Service Primary Care Providers (PCPs) of the current procedural terminology (CPT) codes that have been discontinued as of January 1st, 2021, and have been removed from the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Medi-Cal fee schedule.

Discontinued CPT Codes:

CPT Code	Description
99396	Initial comprehensive preventive medicine evaluation and management of an individual including an age and gender appropriate history, examination, counseling/anticipatory guidance/risk factor reduction interventions, and the ordering of laboratory/diagnostic procedures, new patient; 40-64 years.
99397	Periodic comprehensive preventive medicine reevaluation and management of an individual including an age and gender appropriate history, examination, counseling/anticipatory guidance/risk factor reduction interventions, and the ordering of laboratory/diagnostic procedures, established patient; 65 years and older.

Providers are able to bill for specific preventative/wellness, per Medi-Cal guidelines and services, during an office visit, if applicable. Specified preventative and/or wellness services for each covered benefit category can vary for adults and must be included in the current DHCS Medi-Cal fee schedule for reimbursement.

Next steps for Providers:

Providers are responsible for regularly reviewing the DHCS Medi-Cal fee schedule for billing guidance and updates. For more information on reimbursable procedure codes and applicable diagnosis codes for adult preventative services, please visit the links below:

- <https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/publications/masters-mtp/part2/prev.pdf>
- <https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/Rates/RatesHome.aspx>

Should you have questions with the information shared, please contact L.A. Care’s Direct Network Department at (844) 361-7272 or via email at **DirectNetwork@lacare.org**.

Sincerely,

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