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California's new Medi-Cal telehealth reimbursement policies released with major changes



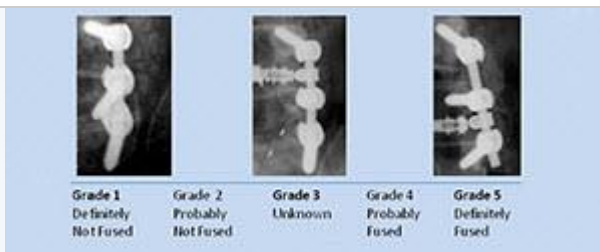
Center for Connected Health Policy

In mid-August, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) released its finalized telehealth policy update for the following:

- Medi-Cal (California's Medicaid Program) fee-for-service program
- An All Plan Letter (APL) for Managed Care
- Indian Health Services, Memorandum of Agreement (IHS-MOAs)
- Family Plan, Access, Care and Treatment (Family PACT)
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs)
- Local Education Agency (LEA)
- Vision Care

The policies were effective as of July 1, 2019 though only just released in their final form this month. [READ MORE](#)

PRODUCT SHOWCASE



Rare Head-To-Head Comparison of Two Bone Grafts

Two bone graft extenders differing in chemical composition were implanted contralaterally in 27 consecutive patients undergoing instrumented posterolateral lumbar fusion. It was hypothesized that differences in biomaterial composition may reveal



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How Frankenstein saved millions of lives: From monsters to defibrillators



MedPage Today

The invention of the ECG is, in my opinion, one of the greatest advances in medicine on par with the discovery of antibiotics. Pacemakers and defibrillators continue to get better and better and now the ones my colleagues insert (I don't do them anymore. I have sub-specialized in a different -- electromagnetic? -- field) do many different functions, can wirelessly talk to units in the patient's house, transmit information to the hospital, and we are alerted to problems before the patient even realizes. They can also shock patients out of dangerous rhythms.

But more than that, they can deliver highly complex therapies to avoid even needing to shock the patient, [READ MORE](#)

Coping with a confused immune system: What to do when your body goes overboard



Holli Richardson

After a long day outside, it's possible that you'll come home with an itchy mosquito bite or two. The swollen, red bumps are minor annoyances for most people. The visible inflammation results from your own body's line of defense, histamines sent by the immune system to fight the foreign substance, the mosquito's saliva.

The inflammation accompanied by a bug bite is an example of acute inflammation, a "short-term response with localized effects," according to LiveScience.com. There are other types of inflammation that happen naturally, but sometimes our bodies start to work overtime and inflammation becomes uncontrolled. Here's some information on systemic, chronic inflammation, how it can affect your body, and how to maintain it. [READ MORE](#)

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