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# Newly Contracted Provider Orientation

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LMFT Mental Health Provider

Provider Services  
2023

# Agenda

- Medi-Cal Coverage & CenCal Health Mission
- CenCal Health New Member Integration
- Member Eligibility & Benefits
- Provider Resources
- Mental Health Benefit
- Claims & Billing
- Portal Demonstration



# What is Covered California and Medi-Cal?



Covered California is the state's health insurance marketplace where Californians can shop for health plans and access financial assistance.

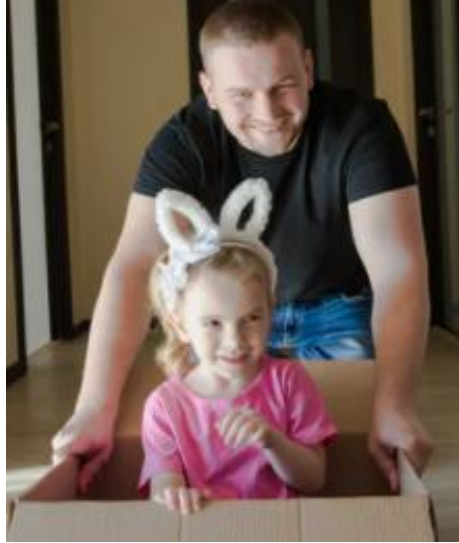
[www.coveredca.com/apply/](http://www.coveredca.com/apply/)



Medi-Cal offers low-cost or free health coverage to eligible Californian residents with limited income.

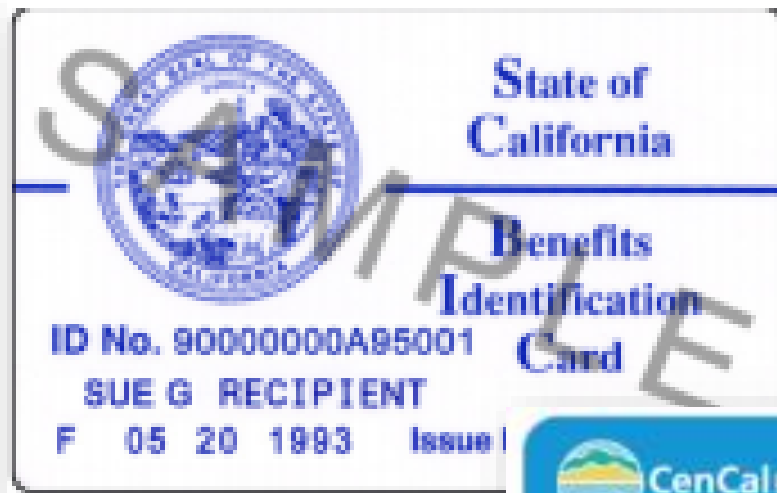
Health plans available through Medi-Cal and Covered California both offer a similar set of important benefits, called [essential health benefits](#).

# Medi-Cal Eligibility Criteria



<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/DoYouQualifyForMedi-Cal.aspx>

# New Medi-Cal Eligible Person





# Who is CenCal Health?

**1983**

Founded in 1983  
as Santa Barbara  
Regional Health  
Authority

**2008**

Began serving  
San Luis Obispo  
County in 2008

**TWO**

Exclusive full-scope  
Medi-Cal plan  
in our two  
counties

**1st**

First managed  
care Medi-Cal  
plan of its type  
(COHS)

**220,588**

CenCal Health  
Membership  
*As of July 2022*

Responsible for all  
covered benefits  
except carve-outs:  
Prescription drugs,  
dental care, SED  
behavioral care



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## Our Mission, Vision, and Values

As the first Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan in the nation to pilot this model, innovation is who we are.

LEARN MORE

WE BELIEVE IN  
OUR COMMUNITY



### -Our Mission

*To improve the health and well-being of the communities we serve by providing access to high-quality health services, along with education and outreach, for our members.*

### -Our Vision

*To be a trusted leader in advancing health equity so that our communities thrive and achieve optimal health together.*

### -Our Values

#### ▪ Compassionate Service

*Serving and advocating for all customers with excellence.*

#### ▪ Collaboration

*Coming together to achieve exceptional results.*

#### ▪ Integrity

*Doing the right thing, even and especially when it is hard.*

#### ▪ Improvement

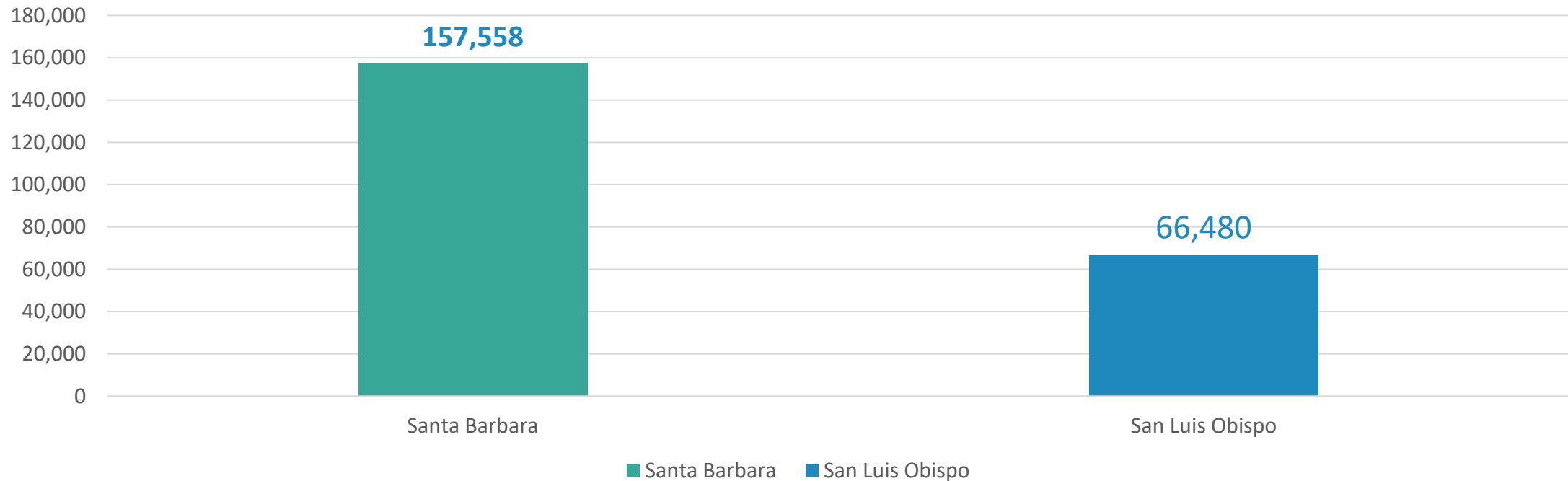
*Continually improving to ensure our growth, success, and sustainability.*

## Our Mission, Vision, & Values



# Membership Demographics

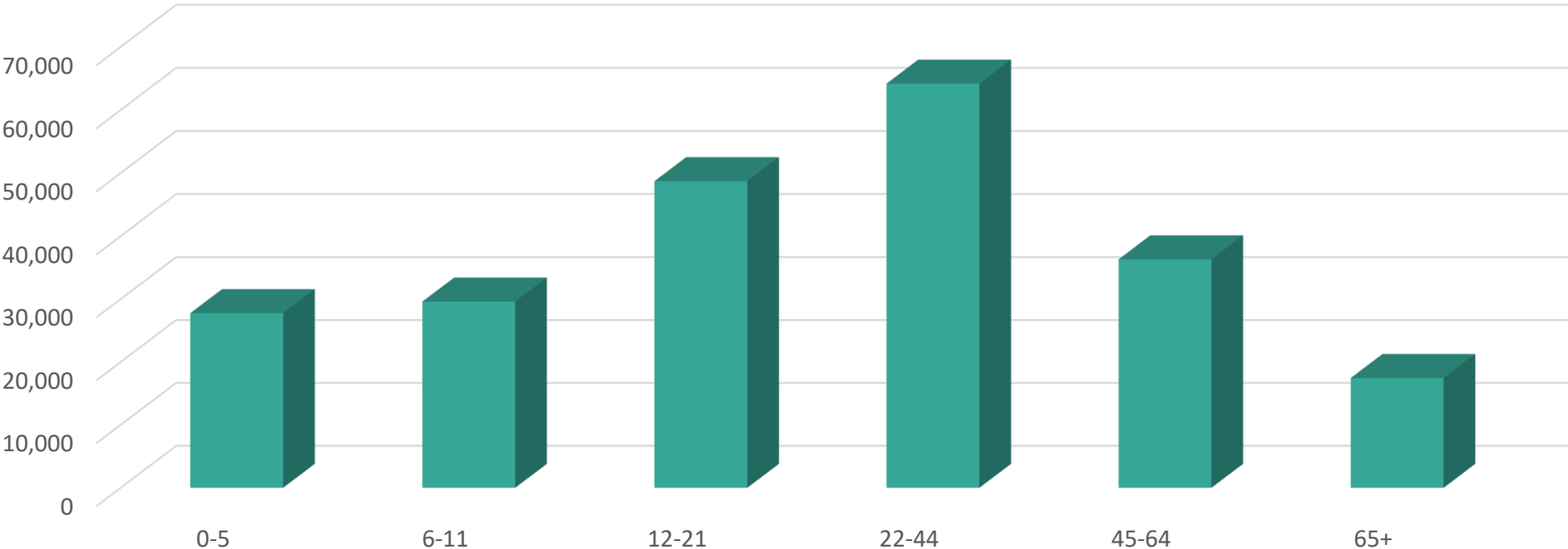
Membership Total By County  
Total CenCal Health Membership  
**224,038** (Sep 2022)





# CenCal Health Membership Age Group

Aggregate Members by Age Group  
(Sep. 2022)



# New CenCal Health Members

## New Members receive:

- Welcome Packet
- CenCal Health ID card
- Member Handbook & Benefits
- A welcome call from our Health Navigators



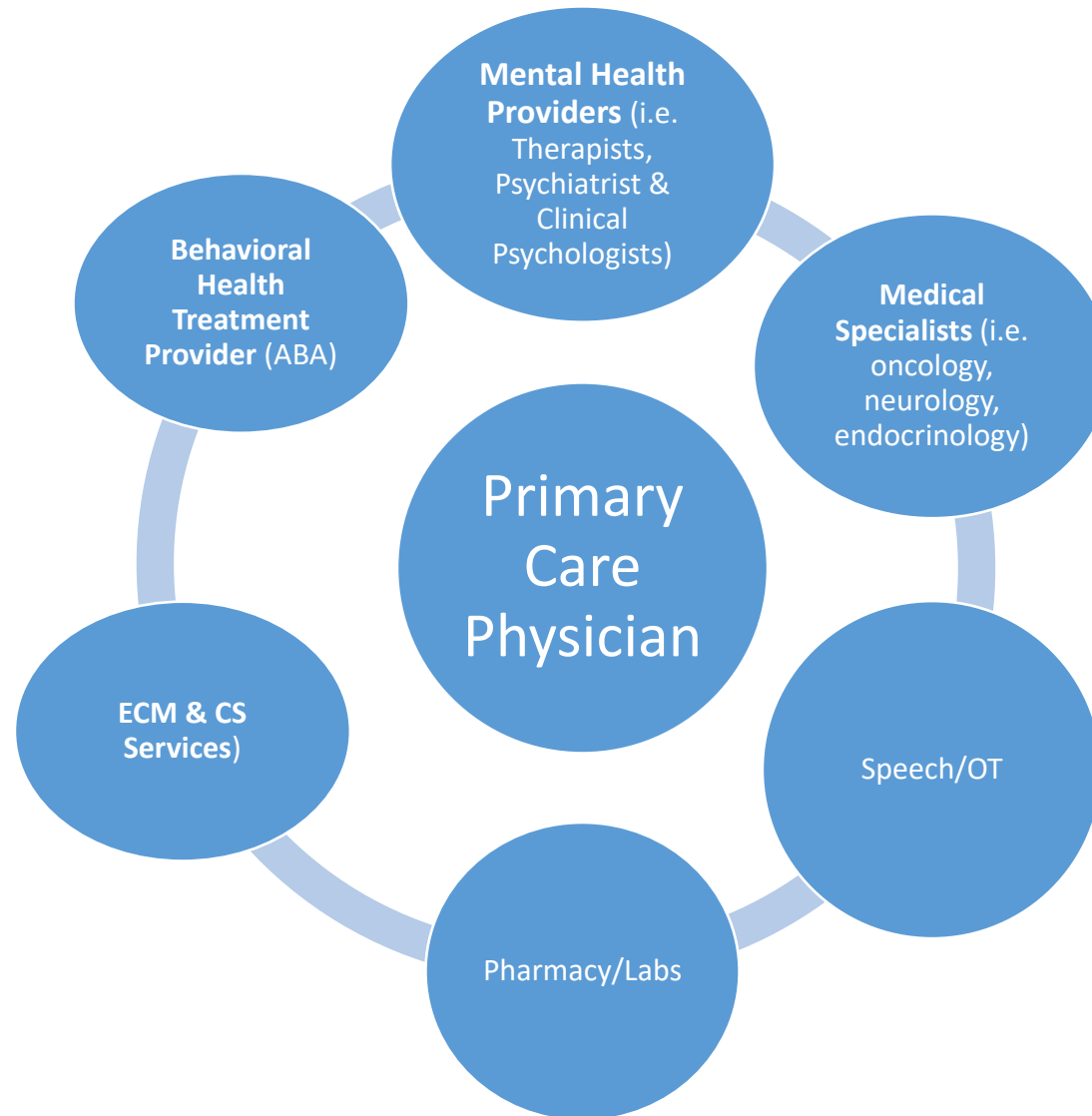
# Member Rights and Responsibilities

- CenCal Health is required to inform its members of their rights and responsibilities and ensure that members rights are respected and observed. CenCal Health provides this information to members in the Member Handbook upon enrollment, annually in the member newsletters, on CenCal Health website and upon request
- Providers are required to post the members' right and responsibilities in the waiting room of the facility which services are rendered
- Members have the right to:
  - Be treated with respect and dignity by all CenCal Health and provider staff
  - Privacy and to have medical information kept confidential
  - Get information about CenCal Health, our providers, provider services and their member rights and responsibilities
  - Choose a doctor within CenCal Health's network
  - Talk openly with health care providers about medically necessary treatment options, regardless of cost benefits
  - Get information about their medical condition and treatment plan options in a way that is easy to understand

# Member Rights and Responsibilities (cont.)

- Members have the right to:
  - Help make decisions about their health care, including the right to say “no” to medical treatment
  - Voice complaints or appeals, either verbally or in writing, about CenCal Health or the care we provide
  - Get oral interpretation services in language that they understand
  - Make an advance directive
  - Access family planning services, federally qualified health centers, Indian Health Services facilities, sexually transmitted disease services and emergency services outside of CenCal Health’s network
  - Ask for a stated hearing, including information on the conditions under which a state hearing can be expedited
  - Have access to their medical record and where legally appropriate, get copies of, update or correct their medical record
  - Access minor consent services
  - Get written member information in large-size print and other formats upon request and in a timely manner for the format being requested
  - Be free from any form of control or limitation used as a means of pressure, punishment, convenience or revenge

# Provider Role in Care Coordination



# Primary Care Provider (PCP) Assignment

Members are considered 'Special Class' so they can pick a PCP that best fits their needs (closest to home, language available, CCS paneled, etc.)

The PCP is responsible for the management of patient's care. The PCP office issues Referral Authorizations Form (RAF) for specialty care

Provide care for the majority of healthcare issues presented by the member, including preventive, acute, and chronic healthcare

Supply risk assessment, treatment planning, coordination of medically necessary services, referrals, follow up and monitoring of appropriate services, and resources required to meet the needs of the member.

**Member Assistance**  
**1 (877) 814-1861**





# Nurse Advice Line & Health Resources

Free Nurse Advice Service  
for CenCal Health Members

1-800-524-5222



Available 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week.  
Disponible 24 horas al día, 7 días a la semana.

Topics

Videos

Tools



Childhood Leukemia: Working With Your Care Team



Safely Storing and Getting Rid of Medicines



Caring for a Baby With Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)



Hemodialysis Access: When Is the Right Time?



Diabetes in Children: How You Can Support Your Teen

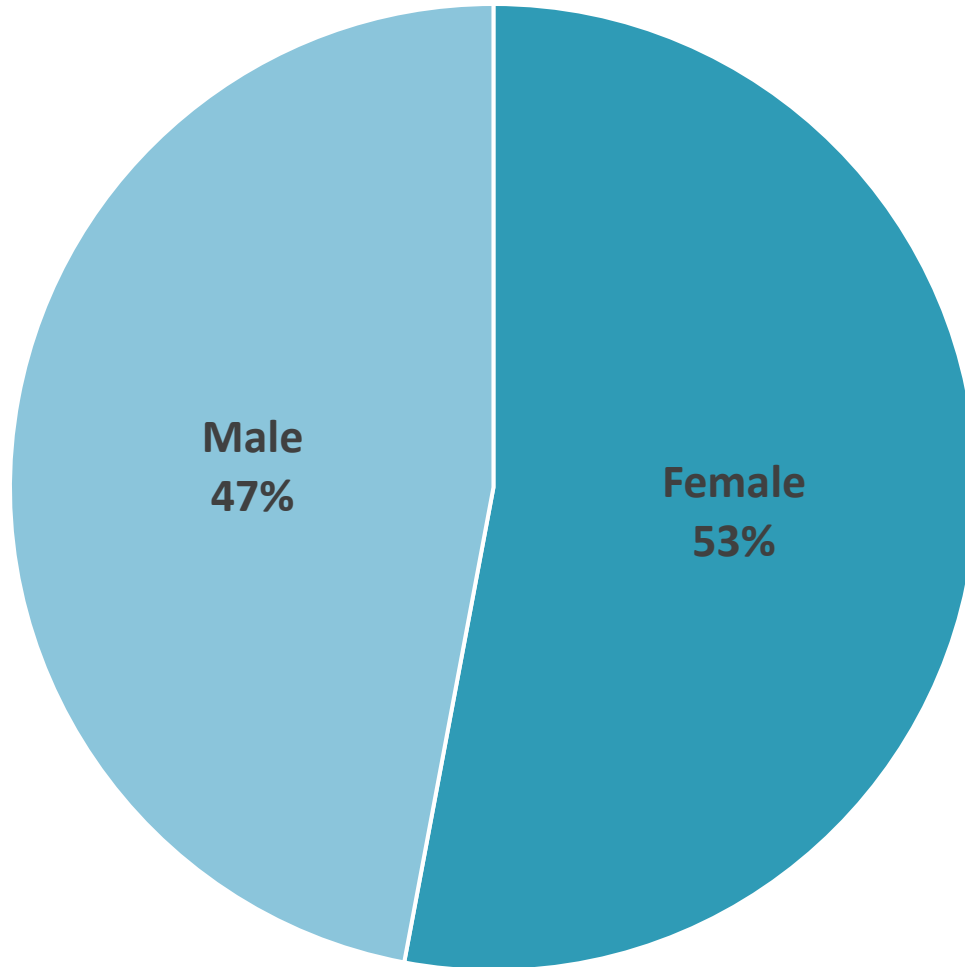
[MORE VIDEOS](#)

[cencalhealth.org/providers/patient-education-materials/nurse-advice-line/](https://cencalhealth.org/providers/patient-education-materials/nurse-advice-line/)

# Culturally Competent Care, Health Literacy

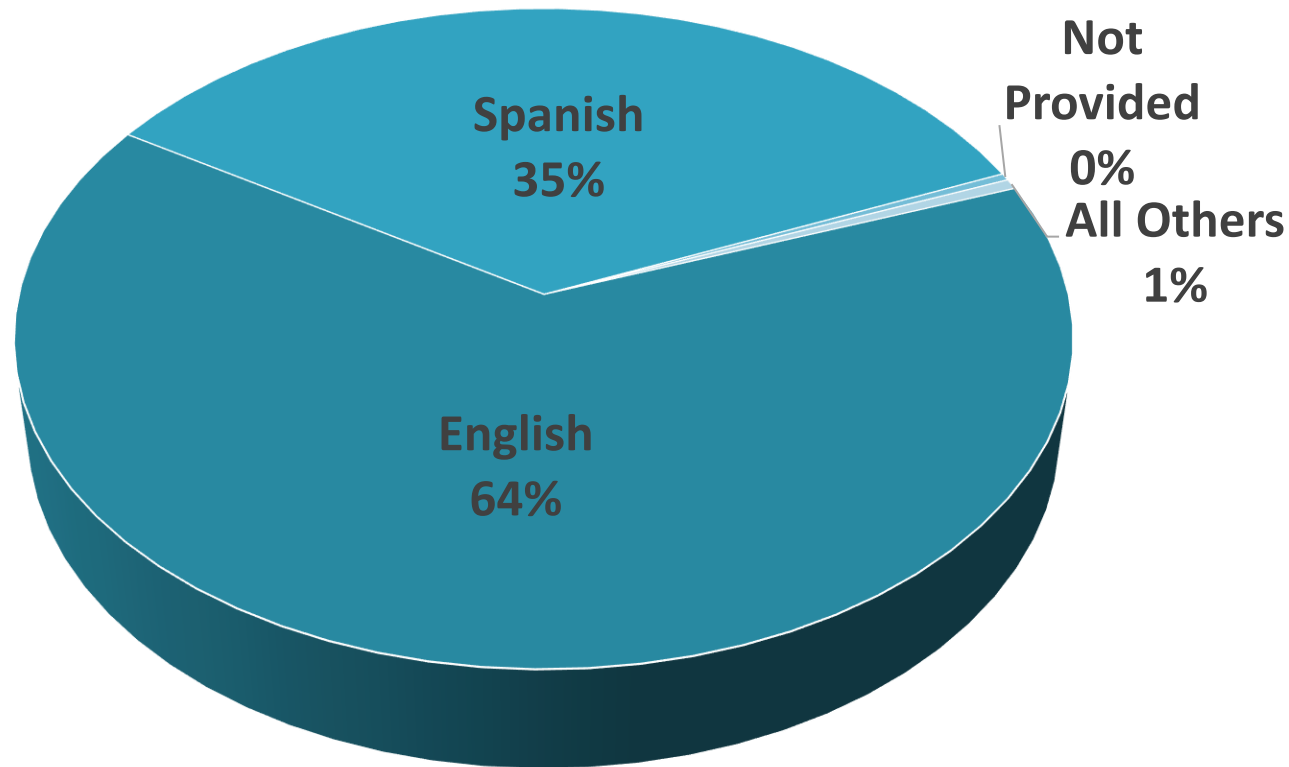


# CenCal Health Membership Gender



Gender	Members
Female	118,643
Male	105,395
<b>Total</b>	<b>224,038</b>

# Members' Preferred Language



■ English ■ Spanish ■ Not Provided ■ All Others

Language	Members
English	144,275
Spanish	77,897
Not Provided	771
Vietnamese	230
Chinese	220
Tagalog	138
Arabic	133
Korean	106
Russian	92
Farsi	60
Sign Language	23
Portuguese	19
Samoan	15
Cambodian	14
Thai	13
French	6
Armenian	6
Ilocano	6
Japanese	5
Italian	3
Lao	3
Turkish	2
Hebrew	1
Total	224,038



Languages spoken:  
64% English  
35% Spanish  
1% All Other

# Linguistic Services Terms



## **Limited English Proficient (LEP):**

When an individual cannot speak, read, write, or understand the English language at a level that permits them to interact effectively with clinical or non-clinical staff in a health care setting.

## **Language Access Services:**

Any service that helps an LEP patient obtain the same access and understanding of health care as an English speaker would have.

# Linguistic Services Terms Cont.

## **Interpretation:**

The process of understanding and analyzing a spoken or signed message and re-expressing that message faithfully, accurately and objectively in another language, taking the cultural and social context into account.

## **Translation:**

The conversion of a written text into a corresponding written text in a different language.





# Why is Linguistic Access Important?

**Accurate communication between patient and health care provider is essential for proper diagnosis, treatment, and patient compliance.**

## **Reduces Health Disparities.**

- For example, those with language barriers may experience more outpatient drug complications, have lower medication adherence rates, or are more likely to have unnecessary and invasive tests.

## **Improves quality of care and patient satisfaction.**

- For example, helps reduce medical errors or unnecessary testing.



## Interpreter Services & Requirements

- Interpreter Service Resources
- Best Practice Tips



# Asking about Language Preference

How you ask a patient about his or her language will affect the response you receive:



“In what language do you prefer to receive your health care?”

Asking the question this way will provide you information on the language the patient feels he or she needs to speak in a health-related conversation.

If the answer is a language other than English, you can plan to have language assistance available for the patient, and you should add this information to the record.

# Talking Points with Members

Here are a couple of recommended ways to offer interpreter services:

- Offer our point chart and see what their language of choice is to determine a members language of choice
- Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) allows a member to point to the language they speak



<https://www.cencalhealth.org/providers/cultural-linguistic-resources/>



# Best Practices for Providing Interpreting Services:

- It's the responsibility of the provider to request interpreter services, **not the Member** and appointments should remain scheduled
  - Providers should continue to use “Voice-only” Interpreting (telephone service) whenever possible
  - Avoid using family, friends or minors as interpreters
  - Providers should supply their own device (laptop, tablet, phone etc.) for these services. CenCal Health will not provide these devices
- Do not use a member's phone for video or phone interpreting services
  - Do not pre-schedule video interpreting services in advance as appointments may change
  - Add a color or letter code to the patient's chart, noting that he or she needs an interpreter. Designate a code or color for each language.
  - Add a question on your patient registration form or in your practice management system. Not only will you know when a patient is scheduled that he or she will need an interpreter, you will also be able to track how many patients you have who speak a particular language and how often they are seen.



# Phone Interpreting Services

Follow these quick and easy steps to connect to a telephonic interpreter in more than 200 languages:






# Video Remote Interpreting Services


**VRI Web Address:** [cencalhp.cli-video.com](http://cencalhp.cli-video.com)

**VRI Access Code:** 48cencalhp


- STEP 1**




Make sure you are connected to the internet. Navigate to your VRI web address.
- STEP 2**




Enter your access code to sign in.
- STEP 3**



Enter the required information and press the "Submit" button.
- STEP 4**



Select the language you need to connect to an interpreter via video or audio.
- STEP 5**



Upon connection, an interpreter will appear on the video screen or connect via audio. Your session will now begin.

# Alternative Format Selections (AFS)

In compliance with the requirements of the American Disabilities Act, CenCal Health is committed to ensuring effective communication to members with visual impairments or other disabilities. The standard Alternative Format Selection (AFS) options are large print, audio CD, data CD, and Braille.

Below are descriptions of each format:

**a. Large print:** Large (20-point) size Arial font.

**b. Audio CD:** Provides the ability to listen to recordings of member materials on CD (files will be encrypted).

**c. Data CD:** This allows for member materials in electronic format to be accessible on CD in their format .pdf, .xlsx, .txt, .docx, etc. (files will be encrypted).

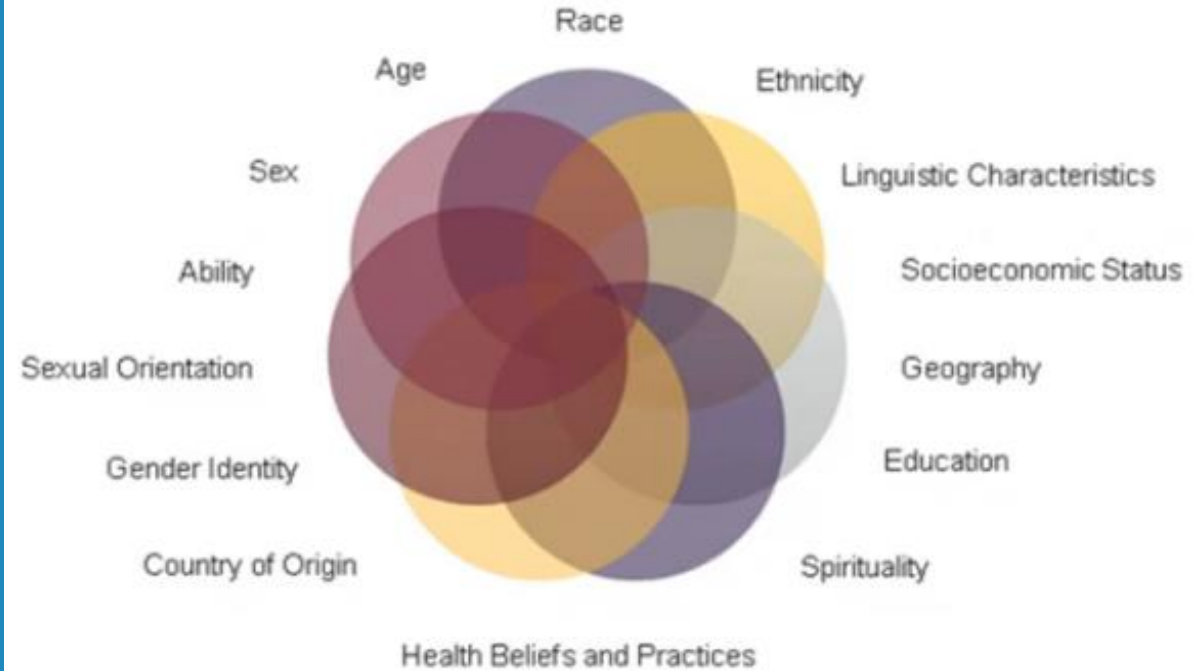
**d. Braille:** Uses raised-dots that can be read with fingers.

Members can also request material in the AFS format via the application system at <https://afs.dhcs.ca.gov/> or call the Medi-Cal Help Line at (833) 284-0040. Please direct members to these resources as needed or contact CenCal Health's Member Services Department at: (877) 814-1861 if you have additional questions or concerns.



## Cultural Competence in Health Care

- What is Cultural Competency?
- Social Determinates of Health (SDOH)
- LGBTQ+ Communities
- Tips for Working with Transgender Patients



# What is Culture?

Culture consists of a body of learned beliefs, traditions, and guides for behaving and interpreting behavior that is shared among members of a particular group, and that group members use to interpret their experiences of the world.



**Cultural awareness** is being cognizant, observant, and conscious of similarities and differences among and between cultural groups.

**Cultural and linguistic competence** is a set of congruent behaviors, attitudes, and policies that come together in a system, agency, or among professionals that **enables effective work** in cross-cultural situations

**Cultural humility** is a commitment and active engagement in a **lifelong process** that individuals enter into on an ongoing basis with patients, communities, colleagues, and with themselves.

# Influences can be above or below the surface, seen and unseen

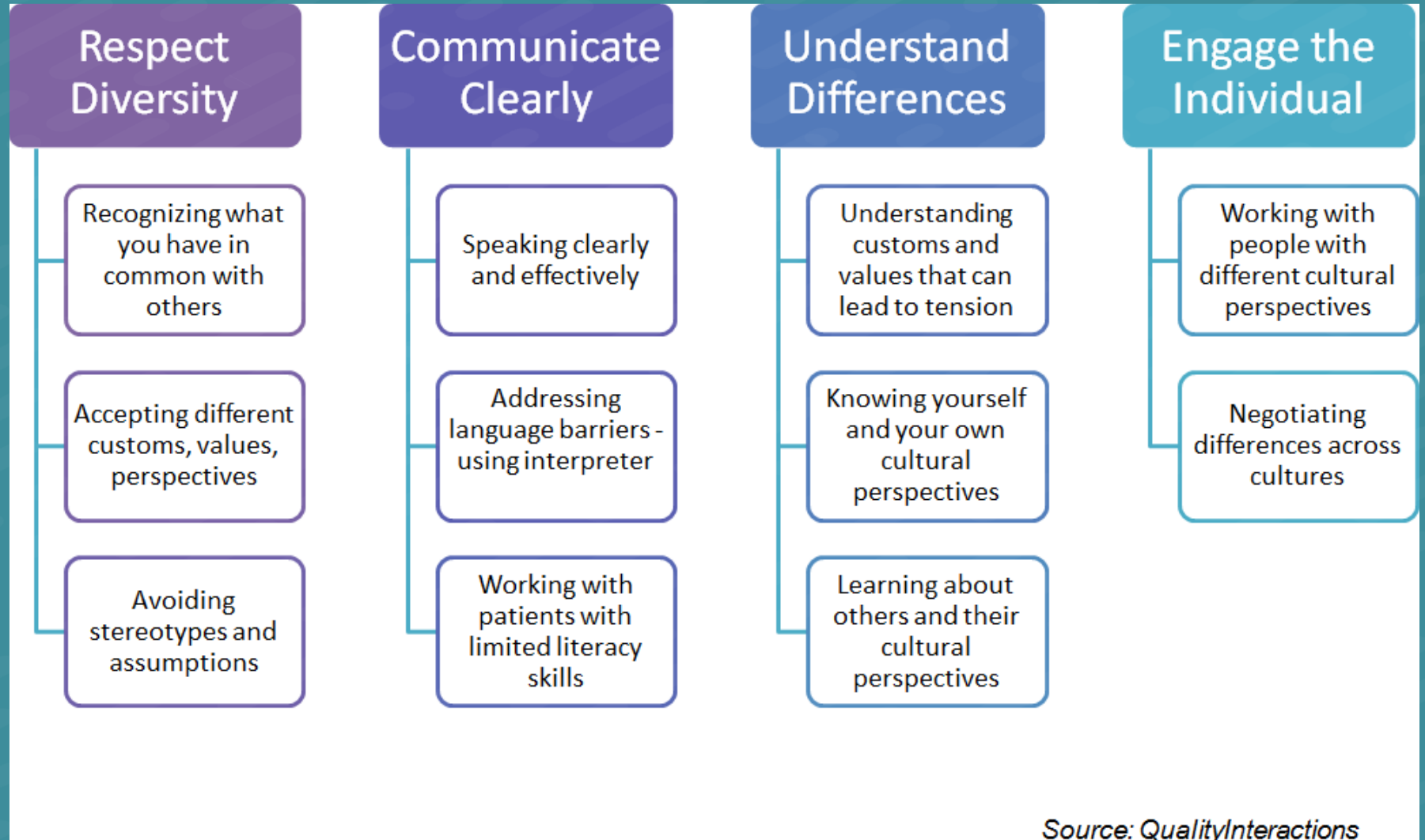
## An Iceberg Concept of Culture



Slide Source: The National Center for Cultural Competence, 2005



# Tips for Cross Cultural Communication





# Implicit Bias

The attitudes or stereotypes that affect our understanding, actions, and decisions in an **unconscious manner**

**Implicit Biases are a thumbprint of the culture on our minds**

**Negative implicit bias impacts patient health outcomes negatively:**

- *One study found a significant increase in hypertension among African American men (ages 30-50) correlated to implicit anti-Black bias on behalf of the patient*

# Diversity and Inclusion

## Diversity

Working to understand the background of the patients you serve.

These background factors include:

- Culture.
- Gender.
- Religious beliefs.
- Sexual orientation.
- Socioeconomic status.

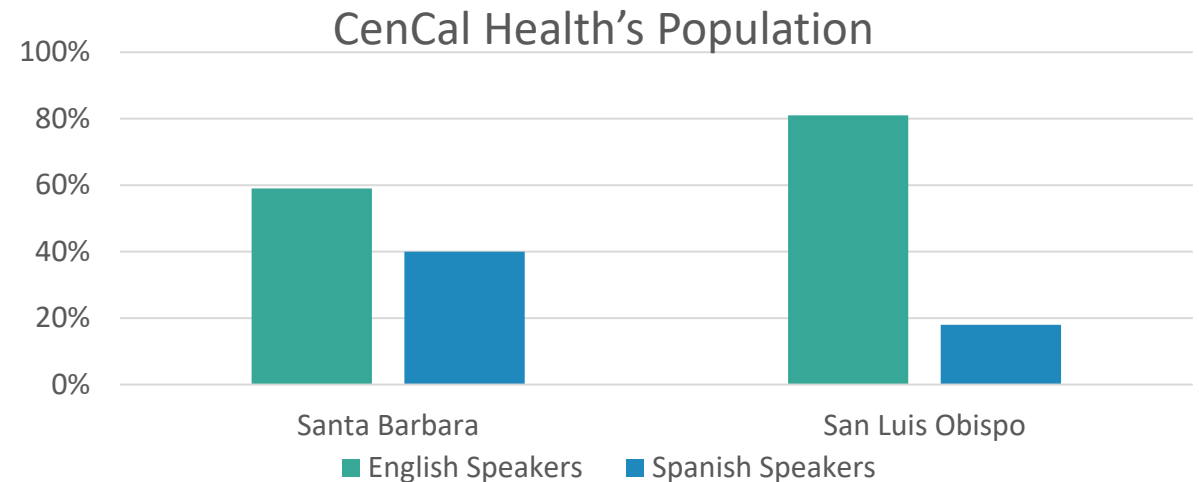
A workforce and environment representing the patient populations you serve is valuable.



## Inclusion

Inclusion is giving patients from all backgrounds a voice in providing and receiving high-quality care.

This starts with encouraging a diverse healthcare staff to participate in the patient experience.



# Caring for LGBTQ+ Communities

- **CenCal Health members have diverse sexual orientations**
  - Identify your own LGBTQ+ perceptions and biases as a first step in providing the best quality care.
  - Many LGBTQ+ people do not disclose their sexual orientation or gender identity because they don't feel comfortable, or they fear receiving substandard care.
- **CenCal Health members have diverse gender identities**
  - Cisgender – people whose gender identity and gender expression align with their assigned sex at birth
  - Transgender – people whose gender identity and/or gender expression differs from their assigned sex at birth (people may or may not choose to alter their bodies hormonally and/or surgically)

# Tips for Working with Transgender Patients



- Treat transgender people as you would want to be treated.
- Always refer to transgender people by the name and pronoun that corresponds to their gender identity.
- If you are unsure about the person's gender identity, ask:
  - *"How would you like to be addressed?"*
  - *"What name would you like to be called?"*
- Focus on care rather than indulging in questions out of curiosity.
- The presence of a transgender person in your treatment room is not an appropriate "training opportunity" for other health care providers.
- It is inappropriate to ask transgender patients about their genital status if it is unrelated to their care.
- Never disclose a person's transgender status to anyone who does not explicitly need information for care.

## Caring for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (SPDs)

- Dimensions of Disability
- Interacting with Seniors
- Interacting with People with Physical, Speech, and Visual Disabilities



There are 61 million adults in the United States living with a disability.

## Percentage of adults with functional disability types

13.7%

### MOBILITY

Serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs



10.8%

### COGNITION

Serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions



6.8%

### INDEPENDENT LIVING

Difficulty doing errands alone



5.9%

### HEARING

Deafness or serious difficulty hearing



4.6%

### VISION

Blindness or serious difficulty seeing



3.7%

### SELF-CARE

Difficulty dressing or bathing





# Caring for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (SPDs)

## Meeting the individual's accommodation needs ensures the following:

- Provides appropriate and effective care
- Compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act.

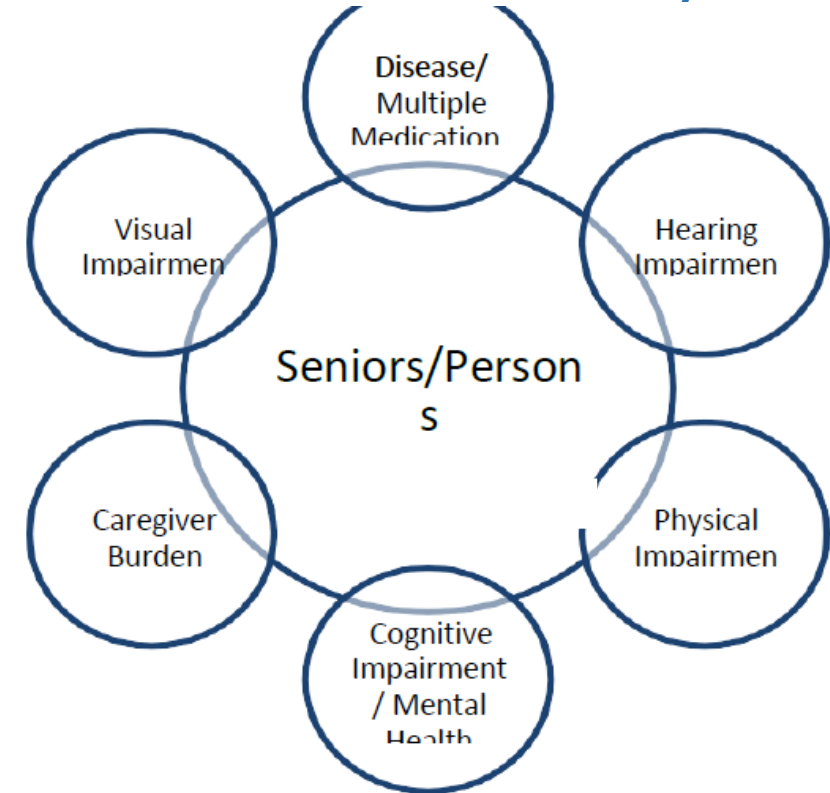
## CenCal Health SPD Stats:

- 70% of CenCal Health members with disabilities live with 2+ chronic conditions and 16% of these members have diabetes
- About 25% have 4+ chronic conditions
- 30% of beneficiaries with disabilities receive treatment for mental health conditions annually

# Accommodations: What Patients May Need

- Physical accessibility
- Effective communication
- Policy modification
- Accessible medical equipment

## Dimensions of Disability



# Interacting with Seniors

## Relax

- If you are not sure, ask.
- Using common terms is OK.

## Be Aware of Surroundings

- Describe potential obstacles.
- Adjust to their level.

## Use Formal Greetings

- Use "Mr." or "Mrs."
- Do not use "Dear" or "Sweetheart."

## Listen Attentively

- Do not finish their sentences.
- Do not pretend to understand.

## Ask Before Helping

- Do not grab.
- Offer your arm for balance.

## Speak with Care

- Enunciate and make eye contact.
- Talk louder only when asked.
- Try not to use jargon, acronyms and abbreviations.

## Speak to the Person

- Face the person when using an interpreter.
- Talk directly to the person.

## Focus on the Person

- Disabilities do not define a person.
- Assume a person can do it.

## Be Kind

- Avoid Interrupting.
- Imagine they are a friend.

# Interacting with People with Physical Disabilities

- Mobility and physical disabilities range from mild to those with significant limitations.
- If shaking hands is appropriate, do so. People with limited hand use or who use a prosthesis can usually shake hands. If people have no arms, lightly touch their shoulder.
- When speaking to a person using a wheelchair or scooter for more than a few minutes, try to find a seat or kneel so you are at the same eye level.
- Ask for permission before moving someone's cane, crutches, walker, or wheelchair.



# Access & Safety

The site shall maintain the following safety accommodations for physically disabled persons:

1. Designate a disabled parking space near the primary entrance
2. Maintain pedestrian ramps
3. Exit doorways width should be at least 32 inches wide to allow for passage of a wheelchair
4. Passenger elevator should be maintained in working condition for multi-level floor accommodations
5. A clear floor space should be provided for persons in wheelchairs
6. Restrooms should be accessible to physical disabled individuals
7. Hand washing facilities should be available and include running water, soap and paper towels

**Changes in Access/Availability** – Please contact CenCal Health if at any time the site becomes inaccessible to physically disabled individuals

# Medical Transportation Services

Transportation is managed by Ventura Transit System (VTS) to and from medically necessary services, such as doctor appointments, specialty mental health, substance use disorder, dental, pharmacy pick up, medical supply pick up and more.

## There are two transportation criteria's:

- Non-Medical Transportation (NMT)
- Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT)
  - A Physician Certification Form (PCF) authorization is required prior to service and requested/signed off by the requesting physician



### PHYSICIAN CERTIFICATION FORM

#### NON EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION (NEMT) REQUIRED JUSTIFICATION

NEMT services require *Prior Authorization*, except when the NEMT service is medically necessary for a discharge to home or a SNF, or for a transfer to another facility. CenCal Health must review and approve NEMT services BEFORE the member schedules a pick-up with VTS. Incomplete or inaccurate forms may cause delays and/or denials. CenCal Health may take up to fourteen (14) calendar days to review and process NEMT requests. This PCS Form is not required for Non-Medical Transportation (NMT) services. Completed and signed forms must be promptly submitted to CenCal Health, Utilization Management (UM) Department via fax or uploaded securely through our Secure File Drop:

- CenCal Health UM Fax: **805-681-3071**
- CenCal Health's Secure File Drop Link: <https://transfer.cencalhealth.org/filedrop/hs>

Patient Information:			
First Name:	Last Name:	Date of Birth:	
CenCal Member ID #:		Phone Number:	
Address:		Caregiver Name:	
City:	State:	Zip:	Caregiver Phone Number:
Patient currently mobilizes via: <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair <input type="checkbox"/> Walker <input type="checkbox"/> Cane <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe):			
NEMT PROVIDER CERTIFICATION, JUSTIFICATION & SIGNATURE REQUIRED			
<b>Disclaimer:</b> CenCal Health is required to authorize the lowest cost type of NEMT services that is adequate for the member's medical needs.			
NEMT Vehicle Type (please check one):			
Ambulance: <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Life Support (BLS) <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Life Support (ALS)		<input type="checkbox"/> Litter/Gurney Van	<input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair Van <input type="checkbox"/> Air Ambulance
NEMT Anticipated Duration:			
Start Date:	End Date:	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 Days	<input type="checkbox"/> Six (6) Months <input type="checkbox"/> 12 Months
ICD-10 Code(s):			
Diagnosis:			
<b>Justification:</b> Provide specific physical and medical limitations that preclude the member's ability to reasonably ambulate without assistance or be transported by public or private vehicles. Include medical, behavioral health, or the physical condition that prevents ordinary means of public transportation:			
Provider Information:			
Provider's Full Name (Print):			
Title:		Provider NPI:	
Phone Number:	Fax Number:	Email:	
<b>Certification Statement:</b> This form <b>must be signed</b> by the physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, certified nurse midwife, physical therapist, speech therapist, occupational therapist, dentist, podiatrist, mental health or substance use disorder provider responsible for providing care to the member and responsible for determining medical necessity of transportation consistent with the			

[Cencalheal.org/provider/authorizations/](https://Cencalheal.org/provider/authorizations/)



# Interacting with People with Speech Disabilities

- Don't raise your voice. People with speech disabilities can hear you.
- Always repeat what the person tells you to confirm that you understood.
- Ask questions one at a time. Give individuals extra time to respond.
- Pay attention to pointing, gestures, nods, sounds, eye gaze, and blinks.
- If you have trouble understanding a person's speech, it's ok to ask them to repeat what they are saying, even three or four times. It is better for them to know that you do not understand, than to make an error.



# Interacting with People with:

## **Cognitive, Intellectual, or Psychiatric Disabilities**

- Offer information in a clear, concise, concrete, and simple manner.
- If you are not being understood, modify your method of communicating. Use common words and simple sentences.
- Allow time for people to process your words, respond slowly, or in their own way.
- Make sure the person understands your message.

## **Visual Disabilities**

- When offering help, identify yourself and let people know you are speaking to them by gently touching their arm. If you leave people's immediate area, tell them so they will not be talking to empty space.
- Speak directly facing the person. Your natural speaking tone is sufficient.
- When giving directions, be specific. Clock clues may be helpful, such as "the desk is at 6 o'clock." When guiding a person through a doorway, let them know if the door opens in or out and to the right or to the left.

# Additional Trainings & Resources

## National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) in Health and Health Care

[thinkculturalhealth.hhs.gov](http://thinkculturalhealth.hhs.gov)



# Additional Trainings & Resources

## CenCal Health Website:

- Cultural Competency and Health Literacy
- Cultural & Linguistic Resources

<https://www.cencalhealth.org/providers/cultural-linguistic-resources/>

## Practical Strategies for Cultural Competent Evaluation

[https://www.cdc.gov/dhdsr/docs/Cultural\\_Competence\\_Guide.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/dhdsr/docs/Cultural_Competence_Guide.pdf)





# Provider Resources



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## Message to Our Providers about Business Operations during Coronavirus Outbreak

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Can providers bill for telehealth services?  
Get answers to this & more.



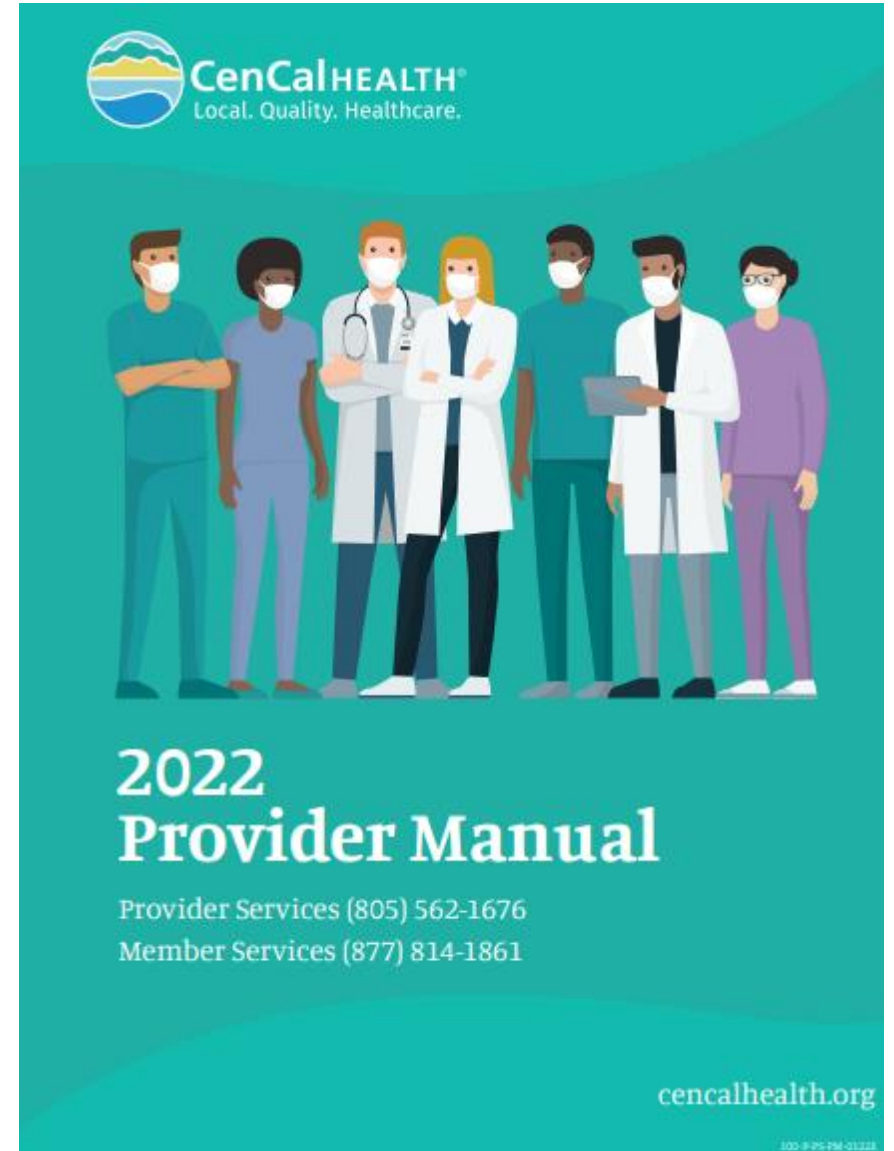
# CenCal Health Provider Manual

CenCal Health Provider Manual is intended as a tool that describes operational policies and procedures and as a reference guide for CenCal Health's providers and their staff. It contains basic information about how to work with CenCal Health through provider enrollment, provider responsibilities, claims payment details, eligibility, and medical authorization guidelines.

[providers/forms-manuals-policies/provider-manual/](#)

## Medi-Cal Manual link:

[Medi-Cal: Provider Home Page](#)





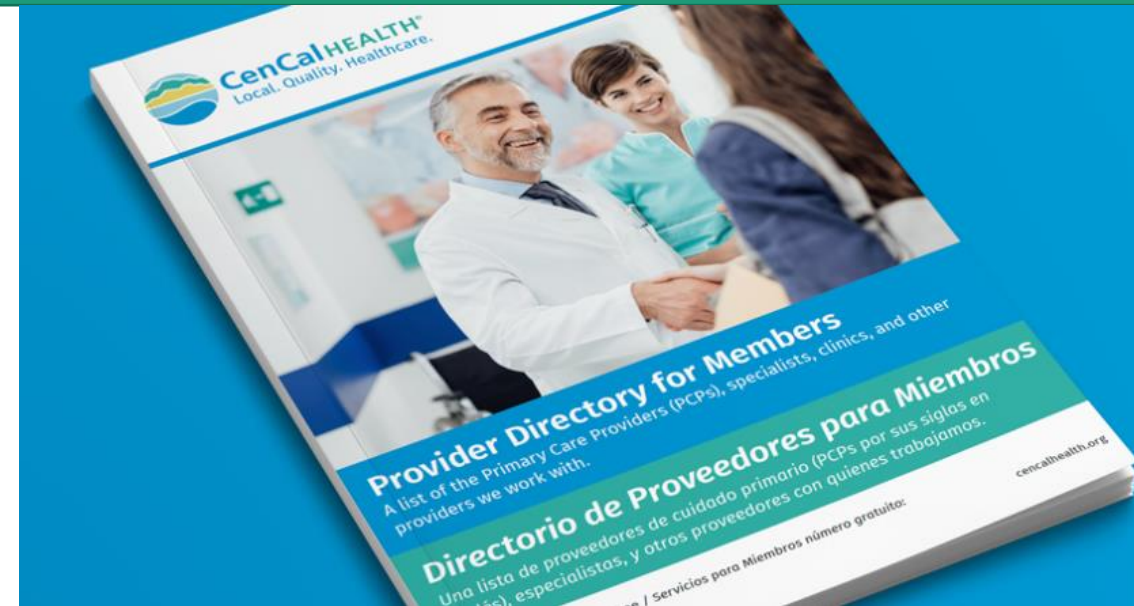
# Contracted Provider List (CPL) Directory

Provider Directory allows members to search for In-Network physicians, hospitals, clinics, behavioral health providers contracted with CenCal Health.

## Important Tips:

- Providers need to verify, and attest to the accuracy of their information every 6 months
- Please utilize our Downloadable Roster for changes within your group such as:
  - Change "Mail-To" and "Pay-To" addresses
  - Adding additional rendering physicians
  - Add business owners, and officers
  - Change to office hours
  - Change to languages capabilities provided at your office

[cencalhealth.org/providers/provider-profile-and-practice-changes](https://cencalhealth.org/providers/provider-profile-and-practice-changes)



[Provider Directory for Members](#)

# Provider Grievance Process

Voice your concerns in a formal manner and receive a response on your outcomes



## Grievance Types include:

- Member Billing Issues
- Authorizations
- Medical Request Form (MRF)
- Claims Dispute
- Vendor Issues

Providers can also speak to our Member Services Department on behalf of a Member call 1 (877) 814 - 1861

<https://www.cencalhealth.org/providers/file-grievance/>

# Member Grievance Process

A CenCal Health member, has many rights and responsibilities and both are very important to know and understand.

## How Members can File a Complaint/Appeal:

- Call 1 – 877 – 814 – 1861  
Or, if a member cannot hear or speak well, they can call California Relay at 711 or TTY: 1-833-556-2560
- In Writing via Downloadable Member Grievance Form (English/Spanish Available)  
CenCal Health  
Attention: Grievance and Appeals Coordinator  
4050 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA 93110
- On-Line Grievance Form  
<https://www.cencalhealth.org/members/file-complaint/>



- Review the Mental Health Benefit
- Review the Behavioral Health Forms
- Review Clinical Standards
- Referrals
- Authorizations

## Mental Health Service



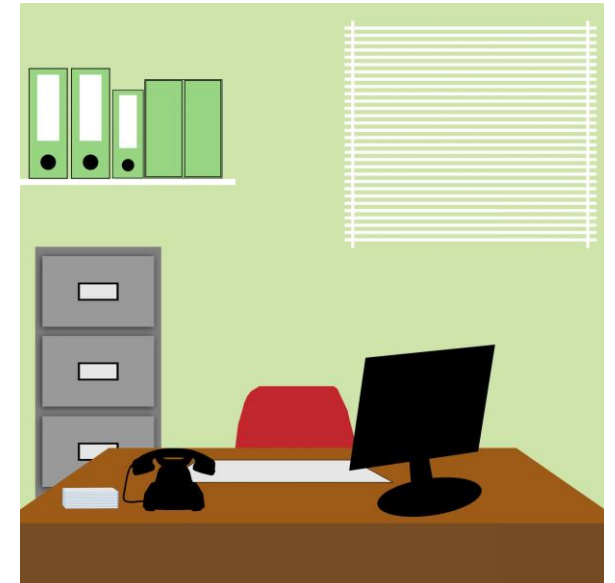
# Mental Health Benefit

## Members do not require a referral or authorization from CenCal for the following:

- Outpatient Therapy (individual, family, or group therapy)
- Initial Mental Health Assessments
- Medication Management

## Members do require an authorization for:

- Psychological Testing
- Neuropsychological Testing
- ABA Treatment



# Mental Health Services Continuum of Care

- **Non-Specialty Mental Health Services**

- CenCal Health covers services for adults, children and young adults presenting with a mental health diagnosis according to the DSM V that is resulting in mild to moderate impairment of mental, emotional, or behavioral functioning.

- **Specialty Mental Health Services**

- This is a carve out to the County for members with a severe level of impairment and severe symptoms (eg. Bipolar, Schizophrenia)
- SMHS is a more intense and more comprehensive level of treatment and services.



# Behavioral Health Forms

New Forms available in March



## Transition of Care Request Form

Please fax completed Transition of Care form and the Level of Care Screening form to the Behavioral Health Department at (805) 681-3070 or upload at <https://gateway.cencalhealth.org/form/bh>.  
Questions? Please call (805) 562-1600.

**This form is used to refer members to the County Department of Behavioral Health.**

**REFERRING PROVIDER (Choose One)**

**County Mental Health Provider:**

Santa Barbara County Mental Health Plan  
 San Luis Obispo County Mental health Plan

**CenCal Health:**

CenCal Health Behavioral Health Department  
 CenCal Health Behavioral Health Provider (Contracted Provider or FQHC Provider)

Submitting Agency:   
Submitting Program/Clinic:   
Contact Name:   
Title/Discipline:   
Email Address:   
Address:   
City:  State:  Zip:   
Phone:

**CLIENT INFORMATION**

Client Name:  Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):   
 Client in Agreement with Transition of Care (Required)  
Gender Identity:  Male  Female  Other:   
Phone:  Address:   
City:  State:  Zip:

**CLIENT INFORMATION (cont.)**

Behavioral Health Diagnosis:

Current Medications/Dosage:

Medication	Dosage	Administration	Date started
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Current symptoms and brief treatment history:

A description of what needs are not being met at the current level of care:

**Services Requested:**

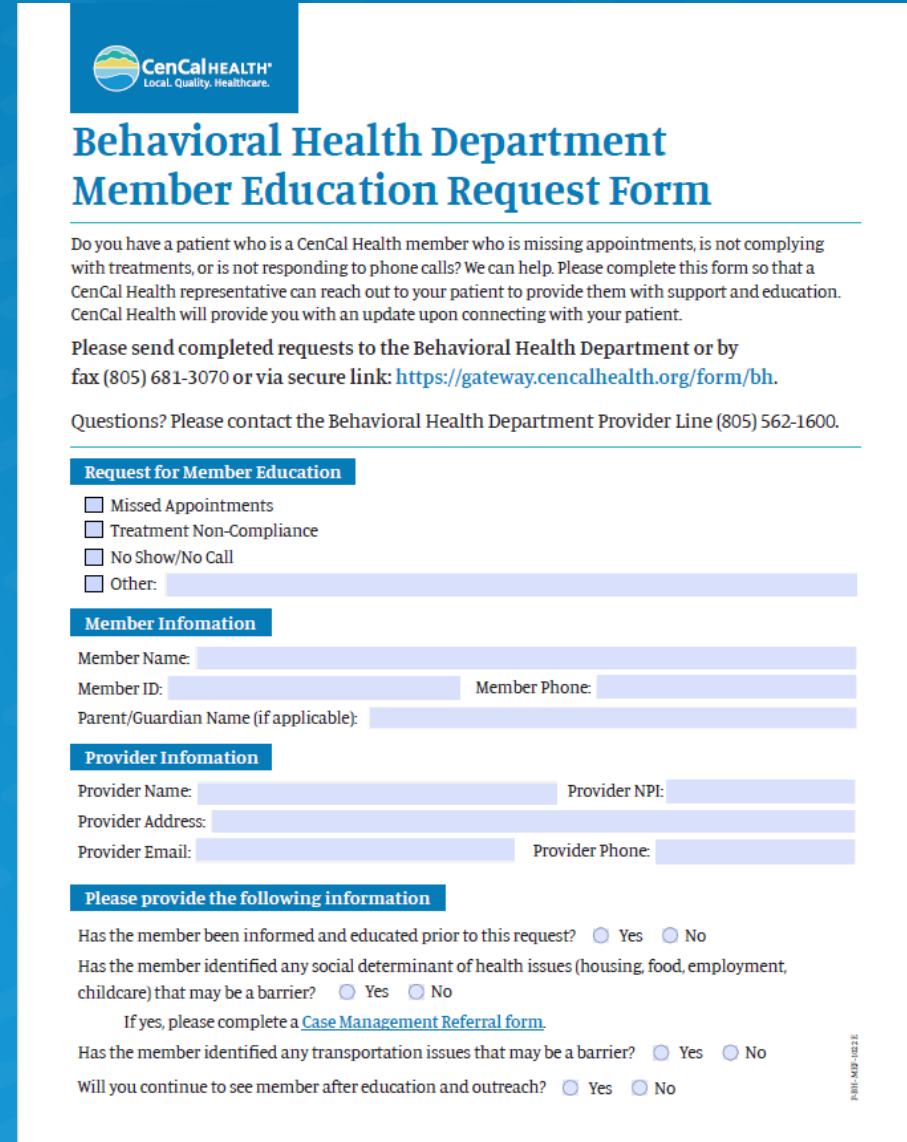
Psychotherapy  
 SUD Services (Must include a signed ROI from Member to exchange information with the "Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness" or "County of San Luis Obispo Behavioral Health Department.")  
 Medication Management (psychiatry)  
 Other:

**SCREENING OUTCOME**

# Behavioral Health Forms

The Behavioral Health Department supports member engagement in services.

- If a member is missing appointments, failing to attend or failing to reschedule. The Behavioral Health Department will outreach to education, support and resolve any barriers.



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## Behavioral Health Department Member Education Request Form

Do you have a patient who is a CenCal Health member who is missing appointments, is not complying with treatments, or is not responding to phone calls? We can help. Please complete this form so that a CenCal Health representative can reach out to your patient to provide them with support and education. CenCal Health will provide you with an update upon connecting with your patient.

Please send completed requests to the Behavioral Health Department or by fax (805) 681-3070 or via secure link: <https://gateway.cencalhealth.org/form/bh>.

Questions? Please contact the Behavioral Health Department Provider Line (805) 562-1600.

**Request for Member Education**

Missed Appointments  
 Treatment Non-Compliance  
 No Show/No Call  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Member Information**

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Member ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**Provider Information**

Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Provider NPI: \_\_\_\_\_  
Provider Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Provider Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Provider Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide the following information**


Has the member been informed and educated prior to this request?  Yes  No  
Has the member identified any social determinant of health issues (housing, food, employment, childcare) that may be a barrier?  Yes  No  
If yes, please complete a [Case Management Referral form](#).  
Has the member identified any transportation issues that may be a barrier?  Yes  No  
Will you continue to see member after education and outreach?  Yes  No

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# Behavioral Health Forms

For members that may need to see a therapist or be referred to substance use treatment, a provider may:

1. Refer the member to contact CenCal Health's Behavioral Health Call Center.
2. Refer the member to CenCal Health's provider Director
3. For members that need support, complete a Behavioral Health Care Coordination Form.



## Behavioral Health Care Coordination Request Form

**This form is for linkage to CenCal Health Mental Health Providers or County Substance Use Treatment Services.**

Please fax this form to the Behavioral Health Department (805) 681-3070 or upload to <https://gateway.cencalhealth.org/form/bh>. Questions? Please call (805) 562-1600

If you are a community agency submitting a request, please include a signed release of information from the Member that indicates you have their permission to submit a referral for Care Coordination to CenCal Health Behavioral Health Department.

### Referring Provider/Agency

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Member Information

Member Aware of Referral (Required)

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
CenCal Health Member ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ DoB: \_\_\_\_\_  
Language: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Is member participating in other community programs (ECM, Whole Person Care, CCS, IOPCM, etc):  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Member Motivation:

Member wants service for self (or dependent)  
 Member is unsure or ambivalent about services for self (or dependent)  
 Member does not want services or does not believe they are needed \*  
 Member has not been informed of referral \*  
\*Member must be in agreement

### Member information (cont.)

**Reason for Care Coordination Request:**

Care Coordination Request for Mental Health Services  
 Psychotherapy  
 Medication Management (psychiatry)

County Department of Behavioral Health Substance Use Services \*  
(Must include Release of Information Member signs agreeing for CenCal to share information with County (Santa Barbara or SLO Substance Use Department))

**Brief description of Member's needs, including interventions tried:**

All Care Coordination Requests will be resolved within 30 days. Referring provider will receive a status update within 30 days.



## Mental Health Provider

- Responsibilities
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- Referrals for Mental Health

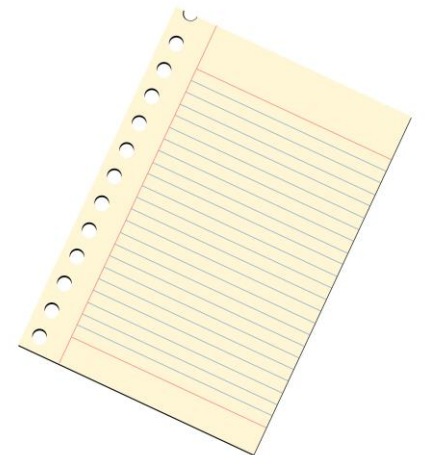


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# Progress Note Requirements

- Progress Notes should include what psychotherapy interventions were used and directly relate to treatment goals. Each progress note should be aligned with the treatment plan.
- Each member should have a treatment plan developed that is member centric. Please see the provider manual for recommended elements to a treatment plan



# Mental Health Referral Protocols

- Authorizations and referrals are not required for psychotherapy or medication management services
- The Behavioral Health Department does provide care coordination services to members that need support and to members who are transitioning from Specialty Mental Health Services.



# Mental Health Referral Protocols

- **Keep Your Availability Up to Date**
  - [BHProviderUpdates@cencalhealth.org](mailto:BHProviderUpdates@cencalhealth.org)
  - “Blast fax”-sent out bi-weekly to all providers
  - Update your voicemail
  - Contact Provider Services

# CenCal Contact Numbers:

## CenCal Health Behavioral Health Department (open 1/4/21)

1 (877) 814-1861

Fax number: (805) 681-3070

## Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness

Access Line (24/7) (888) 868-1649

Psychiatry Consultation Services: 1-805 681-5103

## San Luis Obispo Department of Behavioral Health

Access Line (24/7) (800) 838-1381

Psychiatry Consultation Services: (805) 781-4719



# Online Mental Health Provider Resources

[www.cencalhealth.org/providers/behavioral-health-treatment-and-mental-health-services/](http://www.cencalhealth.org/providers/behavioral-health-treatment-and-mental-health-services/)



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## Mental Health Services & Behavioral Health Treatment

CenCal HEALTH members have access to services addressing mental health and substance use. Coverage and provision of these services are shared between CenCal Health, County Behavioral Health Services and State FFS.

CenCal Health Behavioral Health Department is responsible for Mental Health Benefits for those who are determined to be mild to moderate in impairment. The Behavioral Health Department reviews authorization requests for Behavioral Health Treatment.

Please use the [Behavioral Health Care Coordination Request Form](#) when requesting care coordination for mental health or substance use services.

### Outpatient Services

CenCal Health Primary Care Physicians (PCP) are responsible to provide alcohol screening, brief depression screenings, and referrals for treatment. CenCal Health Mental Health Benefits includes; psychotherapy, psychological testing, monitoring of drug therapy, outpatient lab services and psychiatric consultation.

Members can start mental health services (psychotherapy or medication management) by contacting the Behavioral Health Department for assistance in locating a provider.

Members and Primary Care Physicians (PCP) can find a list of providers by location and specialty on the [CenCal Health Provider Directory](#).

Please call the Behavioral Health Provider Line at (805) 562-1600 for questions related to outpatient mental health services or Behavioral Health Treatment (ABA) services. CenCal Health Members can contact The Behavioral Health Department directly through Member Services at (877) 814-1861.

Claims with past date of services see our [Claims section](#)

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# Claims & Billing



# Claims & Billing

Once a provider receives confirmation on their effective date with CenCal Health, payment is payable at the contracted rate.

“Clean” claims will be reimbursed within 45 working days of receipt. Clean claims are claims that include all the necessary, accurate and valid data for adjudication.

CenCal Health offers (3) three easy and convenient ways to bill:

1. CenCal Health Provider Portal
2. Electronic via EDI Team [edi@cencalhealth.org](mailto:edi@cencalhealth.org)
3. Paper Mailing  
CenCal Health  
PO Box 948  
Goleta, CA 93116-0948



# Provider Portal Claims Module

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## Claims Module

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Search Criteria

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EXPORT

Billing Provider

CCN

Member ID

Member First Name

Member Last Name

Select Provider...

Date of Service

EOP Date

Patient#

EOB Status

Result Size

MM/DD/YYYY to MM/DD/YYYY

MM/DD/YYYY to MM/DD/YYYY

Select...

Select...



\*Hover over grid header labels to reveal additional search and sort features.

CCN	Billing NPI	Member ID	Member Name	Patient#	Total Billed	Total Paid	EOB Status	DOS	EOP Date
2022120					\$249.00		Processing	12/01/2022	
2022120					\$337.00		Processing	12/01/2022	
2022120					\$353.00		Processing	12/01/2022	
2022120					\$164.00		Processing	12/01/2022	



# Claims & Billing Demo Sample

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## Health Insurance Claim Form - Professional



### Member / Patient Information

**Member No.\*** 
**Member Name\***  First Name  Last Name 
**DOB\*** 
**Gender** 
**Relationship**  MRN/Account No.

\* Member ID and either DOB or First/Last Name are required

### ▼ Coverage Info (Most Recent)

### Provider/Billing Information

**Billing Provider NPI\***  **Taxonomy**

Select Provider...

**Referring Provider NPI**  **Name** 
**Service Facility NPI**  **Name**

### Claim Information

ClaimType*	Auth No.	SOC	Chrg Amt	Anesthesia Start/Stop Time	Delay Reason	Patient No.
Physician ▼	<input type="text"/>	0.00	<input type="text"/> 0.00	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

### Reserved For Local Use-Remarks

### Diagnosis Codes:\*

A  B  C  D  E  F   
 G  H  I  J  K  L

### Line Items [+ Add](#) COB/OHC ▼

#	Service Date(s)*	POS	Emg	Proc*	Modifiers				Diag Ptr*	Charge*	Units*	Fam Pln EPSDT	Auth No.	Rend NPI	Taxonomy
					1	2	3	4							
	NDC/UPN		Code	Quantity	UofM	PaidAmount	CapAmount	Status	Reason Codes						
1	10/01/2022 to 10/01/2022	11	▼	G9008	Q	U1	GC	▼	▼	A, B	0.00	▼			
	▼				▼	0.00	0.00								
2			▼		Q	▼	▼	▼			0.00	▼			
	▼				▼	0.00	0.00								

# Claims Status Report

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Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

From Date (MM/DD/YYYY)\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Thru (MM/DD/YYYY)\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Date (MM/DD/YYYY)\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Member ID(Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Proc/Drug/Rev(Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Plan(Optional): 110 --- Santa Barbara Health Ini

Paid(Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

DN --- Deniable, DY --- Denied, NR --- Not Ready, PY --- Paid, PN --- Payable, \*N --- Pended, RE --- Raw Electronic

(Select All)  
 DN --- Deniable  
 DY --- Denied  
 NR --- Not Ready  
 PY --- Paid  
 PN --- Payable  
 \*N --- Pended  
 RE --- Raw Electronic

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### Claim Status Report

( ) | Plan Type - ALL | Pay Section - ALL | DOS - thru

Total Claim Detail Lines: 0	Final Totals:	Billed Amount: \$	Paid Amount: \$
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# Explain Codes

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## Explain Codes

Paid Flags

[Export to a CSV File](#)

RE (Raw Electronic) - Claim has been entered but not processed.      PY (Paid) - Claim has been paid.  
 DY (Denied) - Claim has been denied.                                      PN (Payable) - Claim will be paid.  
 DN (Deniable) - Claim will be denied.                                      \*N (Pended) - Claim is pended for review.  
 NR (Internal Pend) - Claim is pended & will not appear on an EOP without review.

Code	Type	Description	CARC	RARC
02	Pay	SERVICE IS COVERED UNDER CAPITATION AGREEMENT	24	
03	Pay	SERVICE/ITEM LINE FINALIZED	96	N10
04	Pay	CCS CLAIM	24	N442
05	Pay	PAID PER POE ATTACHED TO CLAIM	96	N10
06	Pay	CLAIM PAID AT HOSPITAL PER DIEM RATE	45	N442
07	Pay	HOSPITAL ANCILLARY CHARGES INCLUDED IN DAILY PER DIEM RATE	97	N70
08	Pay	ALLOWED AMOUNT IS PERCENTAGE OF BILLED CHARGE	45	N442
09	Deny	CCS ELIGIBLE MEMBER: CCS AUTHORIZATION (SAR) NOT ON FILE FOR THIS SERVICE	39	N627
10	Pay	SERVICE PAID	45	N130
11	Pay	ENCOUNTER SERVICE	24	
12	Pay	PAID PER NICU REVIEW AT NICU RATE	45	
13	Pay	PAID AT NICU STEP-DOWN RATE	45	
14	Pay	MEMBER HAS OTHER COVERAGE/MEDICARE, COORDINATION OF BENEFITS AFFECTED PAYMENT	23	
15	Pay	PAYMENT REDUCED DUE TO PATIENT LIABILITY/SOC	142	
16	Pay	SERVICE PAID PER UCLA CONTRACT	45	
17	Pay	PAYMENT REFLECTS 10% REDUCTION DUE TO BUDGET TRAILER BILL 2008	253	N246
18	Pay	CLAIM PAID AT ICF RATE PER NEGOTIATIONS INDICATED IN YOUR CONTRACT WITH CENCAL HEALTH	45	
19	Pay	MEDI-CAL ALLOWABLE - SNF INDICATOR ON CLAIM	256	N246
1A	Pay	CORRECTION TO PREVIOUSLY PAID INTEREST AND/OR PENALTIES	225	N584
1B	Pay	CLAIM LINE RECEIVED WITHIN 7 - 9 MONTHS AFTER DOS AND PAID AT 75 % OF ALLOWED AMOUNT	B4	
1C	Pay	CLAIM LINE RECEIVED WITHIN 10 - 12 MONTHS AFTER DOS AND PAID AT 50 % OF ALLOWED AMOUNT	B4	

# CMS – 1500 Paper Claim Form Sample

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**HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM FORM**  
APPROVED BY NATIONAL UNIFORM CLAIM COMMITTEE (NUCC) 03/12

1. MEDICARE  MEDICAID  TRICARE  CHAMPVA  GROUP HEALTH PLAN  FECA  WELLING  OTHER   
(Medicare) (Medicaid) (ID#DoCo) (Member Clr) (ID#) (ID#) (ID#)

2. PATIENT'S NAME (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)  
**OUT, LUKE**

3. PATIENT'S BIRTH DATE MM DD YY  
**10 23 79** SEX  M  F

4. INSURED'S I.D. NUMBER (For Program in Item 1)  
**9000000000111**

5. PATIENT'S ADDRESS (No., Street)  
**1234 JELLY BEAN COURT**

6. PATIENT RELATIONSHIP TO INSURED  
Self  Spouse  Child  Other

7. INSURED'S ADDRESS (No., Street)  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE TELEPHONE (Include Area Code)  
**ANYTOWN CA 96670 (916) 454-5555**

8. RESERVED FOR NUCC USE

9. OTHER INSURED'S NAME (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)

10. IS PATIENT'S CONDITION RELATED TO:  
a. OTHER INSURED'S POLICY OR GROUP NUMBER  
b. AUTO ACCIDENT? YES  NO  PLACE (State)  
c. OTHER ACCIDENT? YES  NO

11. INSURED'S POLICY GROUP OR FECA NUMBER

12. PATIENT'S OR AUTHORIZED PERSON'S SIGNATURE: I authorize the release of any medical or other information necessary to process this claim. I also request payment of government benefits either to myself or to the party who accepts assignment below.  
SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

13. INSURED'S OR AUTHORIZED PERSON'S SIGNATURE: I authorize payment of medical benefits to the undersigned physician or supplier for services described below.  
SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

14. DATE OF CURRENT ILLNESS, INJURY, or PREGNANCY (AMP) MM DD YY QUAL. 15. OTHER DATE MM DD YY

16. DATES PATIENT UNABLE TO WORK IN CURRENT OCCUPATION FROM MM DD YY TO MM DD YY

17. NAME OF REFERRING PROVIDER OR OTHER SOURCE 17A. QUAL. 17B. NPI

18. HOSPITALIZATION DATES RELATED TO CURRENT SERVICES FROM MM DD YY TO MM DD YY

19. ADDITIONAL CLAIM INFORMATION (Designated by NUCC)

20. OUTSIDE LAB? YES  NO  \$ CHARGES

21. DIAGNOSIS OR NATURE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY (Relate A-L to service line below (ZNE) ICD Ind. 0  
A. **D1D1D1D** B. **D2D2D2D** C. L D. L E. L F. L G. L H. L I. L J. L K. L L. L

22. RESUBMISSION CODE ORIGINAL REF. NO.

23. PRIOR AUTHORIZATION NUMBER

24. A. DATE(S) OF SERVICE From MM DD YY To MM DD YY B. PLACE OF SERVICE EMS C. PROCEDURES, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES (Explain Unusual Circumstances) CPT/HCPCS MODIFIER D. DIAGNOSIS POINTER E. \$ CHARGES F. \$ G. UNITS H. I. L. J. RENDERING PROVIDER ID. #

10 05 18 22 XXXXX XX 625 00 1 NPI

25. FEDERAL TAX ID. NUMBER EIN 26. PATIENT'S ACCOUNT NO. 27. ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT? YES  NO  28. TOTAL CHARGE \$ 625 00 29. AMOUNT PAID \$ 400 00 30. Ref for NUCC Use

31. SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN OR SUPPLIER INCLUDING DEGREE(S) OR CREDENTIAL (I certify that the statements on the reverse apply to this bill and are made a part thereof.)  
**Polly Ester** DATE 10/30/18 a. 1234567890 b. 1234567890

32. SERVICE FACILITY LOCATION INFORMATION  
**BOB'S MEDICAL CLINIC  
1234 ANYWHERE STREET  
CHERRY CITY CA 943212345**

33. BILLING PROVIDER INFO & PH # (916) 861-4539  
**CLARA FIE  
343 MAIN STREET  
CHERRY CITY CA 943212345**

NUCC Instruction Manual available at: www.nucc.org PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CR061653 APPROVED OMB-0938-1197 FORM 1500 (02-12)

## CMS-1500 Claim Form

- What is a claim?**  
 A claim is an itemized statement of services and costs from a provider or facility that gets submitted for payment. All claims must contain specific data information, including but not limited to: member identification number, provider billing NPI number, procedure code and modifier, at least one (1) diagnosis code and other important information.
- For more claim information and submission guidelines, visit our website:**  
<https://www.cencalhealth.org/providers/claims/>



# Individual Psychotherapy Code Tips

## Place of Service

11- Office

02- Telehealth

## Modifiers

95-Telehealth

HO- Master's degree level, used to identify services performed by an AMFT/ACSW/ APCC/ Psych Assistant

HM- Less than Bachelor's degree level

HN- DHCS has reassigned this modifier, and is no longer valid for behavioral health

HP- This is not on DHCS' list of approved modifiers, and will not be accepted.

90832	Psychotherapy, 30 min
90834	Psychotherapy, 45 min
90837	Psychotherapy, 60 min
90839	Psychotherapy for crisis, first 60 min
90849	Psychotherapy for crisis each additional 30 minutes

# Mental Health Diagnosis and Billing

- Individual therapy can be provided and is reimbursable to adults and children with a mental health diagnosis
- The following diagnoses are **excluded** for Individual & Group Therapy Services
  - F10 –F19 as a primary diagnosis (substance use disorder),
  - F72 & F73 Severe and Profound Intellectual Disability (primary or secondary diagnosis)
  - Moderate to Severe Neurocognitive Disorders (i.e. Alzheimer's, Traumatic Brain Injury) (primary or secondary diagnosis)
- Children under the age of 21 are entitled to five sessions of individual or group therapy prior to being diagnosed with a mental health condition
  - Providers will submit claims using the following code and a primary ICD-10 code.
  - Claims for children under age 21 provided prior to diagnosis will use Diagnosis code F99.



# Mental Health Codes for Group/Family Therapy

- **Diagnosis code F99** -Claims for children under age 21 provided prior to diagnosis
- **Diagnosis code Z 65.9**-Claims for children who are at risk of developing a mental health condition

CPT Code	Description
90846	Family Psychotherapy (without client present) 50 min
90847	Family Psychotherapy, (with client present) 50 min
90849	Multiple-family group therapy
99354	Prolonged services in the outpatient setting requiring direct patient contact beyond the time of the usual service, first hour

# Family Therapy Codes

- Family therapy is reimbursable on an inpatient basis if the member is an infant (under 1 year of age) who are hospitalized in a neonatal intensive care unit-**Use Diagnosis Code P96.9**
- Family Therapy must be composed of **at least two family members**. Providers must bill for family therapy using the CenCal ID of only one family member per therapy session for CPT codes 90846, 90847 and 99354
- For multiple-family group therapy, providers must use the CenCal ID of only one family member per family
  - Providers will submit claims using the following CPT codes and an ICD-10 code of the identified client under whose CenCal ID billing is being submitted

# Family Therapy Billing

Family can be provided and is reimbursable to adults or children with a mental health condition. Children under the age of 21 are entitled to five sessions of individual therapy prior to being diagnosed with a mental health condition

Family therapy services is also reimbursable when provided to children under the age of 21 who has a history of one of the following risk factors:

- Separation from a parent/guardian due to incarceration or immigration
- Death of a parent/guardian
- Foster home placement
- CCS-eligible condition
- Food insecurity, housing instability
- Exposure to DV or other traumatic events
- Maltreatment
- Severe & persistent bullying
- Experience of discrimination based on race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, learning differences or disability.
- Child has a parent/guardian with at least one of the following risk factors
  - Serious illness or disability
  - History of incarceration
  - Mental Health Disorder
  - Substance Abuse Disorder
  - History of DV or interpersonal violence
  - Teen parent

# Diagnostic Add-On Codes

## Interactive Complexity (CPT 90785)

- This is an add-on code that can be billed with 90791, 90792, any individual psychotherapy codes (90832 – 90839), group psychotherapy (90853) or medication management services. The add-on code may be used in the following circumstances:
- When there are specific communication difficulties present i.e. high anxiety, high reactivity, parent disagreement/behaviors during session)
- Evidence/disclosure of a sentinel event and mandated report to a third party.

# Group Therapy

- Group Therapy is defined as consisting of at least two but not more than eight persons at any session. There is not restriction as to the number of CenCal members who must be included in the group's composition. Group Therapy are expected to be in duration at least one and one-half hours.
- Providers will submit claims using CPT code 90853 and ICD 10 diagnosis code.



# Case Conferences

- Case conference attendance are limited to conferences lasting 30 min or more with professionals immediately involved in the case or recovery of the client
- Providers will submit claims using CPT code 99366 (member or family present) or CPT 96368 (member or family not present)

# Duplication of Services

## **Medical Prohibits a Duplication of Services. Examples of this are:**

- A member seeing a therapist for individual and another therapist for family.
- A member seeing two therapist for two different reasons.
- A member “trying out” more than one therapist at once.

**Members may receive services at the County and CenCal as long as it is not duplicative.**

# Timely Filing Guidelines



## Original Claim Reduction in Reimbursement Policy

- Payable claims received **within 6 months** from the date of service will receive 100% of the CenCal/Medi-Cal allowed amount, unless otherwise noted per special contract or OTA.
- Payable claims received within the **7<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> month will be reduced by 25%** and receive 75% of the CenCal/Medi-Cal allowed amount, unless otherwise noted per special contract or OTA. **(1B explain code)**
- Payable claims received within the **10<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> month will be reduced by 50%**. Payment will be 50% of the CenCal/Medi-Cal allowed amount, unless otherwise noted per special contract or OTA. **(1C explain code)**

*Original Claims received beyond 1 year from date of service will be denied. Delay reason codes and supporting documentation per Medi-Cal guidelines can be submitted for review.*

# Claim Correction Requirements

The screenshot shows the 'Claims Module' interface. At the top, there are search criteria fields for Billing Provider, CCN, Member ID, Member First Name, and Member Last Name. Below these are fields for Date of Service and EOP Date. A table of claims is displayed with columns for CCN, Billing NPI, Member ID, Member Name, Patient#, Total, Status, DOS, and EOP Date. A dropdown menu for 'EOB Status' is open, showing options: Select..., In Review, Processing, Finalized, and Provider Review Req. Arrows point from the dropdown to the 'EOB Status' column in the table.

CCN	Billing NPI	Member ID	Member Name	Patient#	Total	Status	DOS	EOP Date
2022							12/08/2022	
2022							12/08/2022	
2022					\$353.00	Processing	12/08/2022	
2022					\$164.00	Processing	12/08/2022	
2022					\$353.00	Processing	12/08/2022	
2022					\$379.00	In Review	12/08/2022	

- When a claim's EOB status is "In review, or processing; corrections can be made on the portal. Simply click the blue hyperlink, make the corrections and save. Changes can be seen immediately.
- Claims that have an EOP status of "Finalized" are no longer eligible to be corrected on the portal. These claims are finalized and A new claim submission will need to be submitted for processing.

# Billing Guidelines

## Billing Guidelines/Tips

- LMFT/AMFT providers are NOT required to bill Medicare for Medi-Medi patients. CenCal will process and pay as primary
- LMFT providers can however bill OHC and Medicare HMO. A EOP is required before CenCal can process as secondary
- Rendering provider is not required if they are part of a group.
- Quantities MUST be billed in whole numbers; decimals are not acceptable
- If claim is for AMFT/ACSW/APCC/ Psych assistant, Assistant Behavioral Analyst, Behavioral technician, Physician Assistant, or nurse who is not board certified, please enter the NPI# of the fully licensed supervising physician clinician. If the supervising clinician's NPI# is the same as the billing, leave the rendering field blank. HO modifier must be used.

# Coding for Social Determinant of Health (SDOH)

## Why is it important?

Helps identify health disparities, and their root causes, that are negatively impacting our members' health.

## Categories

1. Education/literacy
2. Employment
3. Occupational exposure to risk factors
4. Housing and economic circumstances
5. Social environment
6. Upbringing
7. Primary support group, including family circumstances
8. Psychosocial circumstances

Code	Description
Z55.0	Illiteracy and low-level literacy
Z58.6	Inadequate drinking-water supply
Z59.00	Homelessness unspecified
Z59.01	Sheltered homelessness
Z59.02	Unsheltered homelessness
Z59.1	Inadequate housing (lack of heating/space, unsatisfactory surroundings)
Z59.3	Problems related to living in residential institution
Z59.41	Food insecurity
Z59.48	Other specified lack of adequate food
Z59.7	Insufficient social insurance and welfare support
Z59.811	Housing instability, housed, with risk of homelessness
Z59.812	Housing instability, housed, homelessness in past 12 months
Z59.819	Housing instability, housed unspecified
Z59.89	Other problems related to housing and economic circumstances
Z60.2	Problems related to living alone
Z60.4	Social exclusion and rejection (physical appearance, illness or behavior)
Z62.819	Personal history of unspecified abuse in childhood
Z63.0	Problems in relationship with spouse or partner
Z63.4	Disappearance & death of family member (assumed death, bereavement)
Z63.5	Disruption of family by separation and divorce (marital estrangement)
Z63.6	Dependent relative needing care at home
Z63.72	Alcoholism and drug addiction in family
Z65.1	Imprisonment and other incarceration
Z65.2	Problems related to release from prison
Z65.8	Other specified problems related to psychosocial circumstances (religious or spiritual problem)

For more resources and a full list of codes go to: [www.cencalhealth.org/providers/social-determinants-of-health/](http://www.cencalhealth.org/providers/social-determinants-of-health/)



# Claims & Billing

[www.cencalhealth.org/providers/claims/](http://www.cencalhealth.org/providers/claims/)

The screenshot shows the Cencal Health website's navigation bar with links for Explore CenCal Health, Members, Providers, Community, Health & Wellness, and Contact Us. A search bar is located on the right. The main content area is titled "Your Gateway to Claims" and includes a "Submit a Claim Now" section with three tabs: ELECTRONIC, CENCAL HEALTH WEBSITE, PAPER, and ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER (EFT). The page also features three promotional banners: "CHECK CLAIM STATUS", "Weekly EOP Payment Schedule", and "Claims Assistance Contact Us".

**Providers > Claims**

## In This Section

- Providers
- Claims**
  - Getting Started: Eligibility Verification
  - Billing Claims
  - Checking Claim Status
  - FAQs and Common Denials
  - Corrections, Disputes & Appeals
  - HIPAA: Code Conversions
  - Claims Corner
  - Claims Training Tools

## Your Gateway to Claims

The Claims Team is dedicated to supporting our Provider Community through our excellent customer service. Our goal is to adjudicate your claims in an accurate, timely and efficient manner using highly-trained and dedicated employees. We are here and ready to help!

### Submit a Claim Now

Still using paper to submit claims? CenCal Health makes it easy for you to submit a claim. We have three ways to do so. Faster, easier, and direct.

Please choose from one of the three tabs below.

CenCal Health strongly recommends submitting claims electronically. This allows faster payment with clean claims.

### Claims Payment

CenCal Health now offers an easy and convenient way to view your Explanation of Payment (EOP) via the Provider Portal. Click [here](#) for more information.

### CHECK CLAIM STATUS

[VIEW](#)

### Weekly EOP Payment Schedule

[VIEW](#)

### Claims Assistance Contact Us

(805) 562-1083  
Mon-Fri, 8:30am-4pm

**ELECTRONIC** CENCAL HEALTH WEBSITE PAPER ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER (EFT)

# Provider Portal Demonstration

The **Provider Portal** is an online resource that has many valuable functions. It's a secure way to transfer information between CenCal Health and our contracted providers.

Some of the functions include:

- Member Eligibility & Batch Eligibility
- Search and Submit Authorization Requests
- Search and Submit Claims
- View Reports
- Document Attachment Uploading



Explore CenCal Health | Members | Providers | Community | Contact Us | Log in

## Log in

This site requires latest Chrome, Firefox, Safari or IE11+.

For the latest on COVID-19 related claims questions, authorization changes, telemedicine codes and more: visit: [www.cencalhealth.org/providerservicesfaq](http://www.cencalhealth.org/providerservicesfaq)

**INITIAL LOG IN:**  
All portal users are required to enter an email address in the UserName field as well as their existing password. If you receive a notice that the user account email is invalid, the user will need to contact your organization's account manager to request access. Users with access to multiple organizations can choose from a list of accessible IRS#'s after log in.

If you have changes to your Tax ID Number, DBA, or legal business name, please submit a new W-9 to CenCal Health. Please submit this document to CenCal Health's Provider Services Department via fax at (805) 681-3019 or email [providerservices@cencalhealth.org](mailto:providerservices@cencalhealth.org).

Enter credentials to log in.

UserName

Password

**LOG IN**

[Reset/Create your password?](#)

Want to learn more? [View our Portal Resource Guides](#)  
Please contact [webmaster@cencalhealth.org](mailto:webmaster@cencalhealth.org) for any questions or if you experience any issues in accessing the portal.



Key documentation on CenCal Health's Website  
[www.cencalhealth.org/providers/provider-portal/](http://www.cencalhealth.org/providers/provider-portal/)

# Online Portal

Contracted CenCal Health Providers have access to:

- Eligibility
- Batch Eligibility
- Authorizations
- Claim Entry
- EFT (Read Access Only)
- Training Videos

Printable Portal User Guide:  
[Cencalhealth.org/portal/provider-portal/](https://cencalhealth.org/portal/provider-portal/)



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with links for "Explore CenCal Health", "Members", "Providers", "Community", "Contact Us", and "Log Off". A "Logged in as:" field is visible on the right. The left sidebar contains a menu with items like "Providers - Restricted (DEMO)", "Home", "User Management", "Electronic Funds Transfer", "Claims Entry", "Eligibility", "Transaction Services", "Authorization", "Reports", "Procedure Pricer", "SMART Programs", "Downloads", "PCP Reassignment", "PCP Reassignment(New)", "Pharmacy Forms", "RBM Forms", and "FTP". The main content area features a yellow banner for COVID-19 information, a red notice about tax ID changes, a "Data Forms Overview" section with browser requirements, and detailed sections for "Security" and "Forms &amp; Reports" (including Electronic Funds Transfer, Claim Forms, and Eligibility).

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## Data Forms Overview

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### Security

CenCal Health's Website employs Secure Socket Layer (SSL) technology to ensure that all information transmitted between CenCal Health and your office is encrypted and secure. This security, however, is only as strong as your organization's username and password. Within your organization, only share the account on a need-to-know basis with staff who must access the CenCal Health web site to perform their jobs. Protect sensitive patient information. Let the CenCal Health webmaster know whenever a privileged employee leaves your organization, so that the organization's password can be changed. The CenCal Health webmaster can be contacted at [webmaster@cencalhealth.org](mailto:webmaster@cencalhealth.org).

### Forms & Reports

#### Electronic Funds Transfer

Effective January 1, 2014, Electronic Fund Transfers (EFTs) are available through CenCal Health for various payment types. In order to receive EFTs, providers must enroll for the option to receive their payments electronically.

#### Claim Forms

Five claim form types are supported: CMS-1500, Medical Supplies, UB-04 and LTC. Click on the claim form type on the left to view the form. Upon submission of the form you will receive a claim control number (CCN) for that claim.

#### Eligibility

CenCal Health has updated its eligibility form and created a batch eligibility form for providers who consistently check eligibility on groups of members. We hope that you find these forms accessible and beneficial.

**Check Eligibility** - To check an individual member's eligibility click on the Eligibility link, and then "Check Eligibility". Enter the member's ID or CIN, and a date of service. If the member is not eligible with CenCal Health, you will be prompted to check their eligibility with DHS. Eligibility checks with DHS are done through the DHS CERTS system and require a Medi-Cal provider number and PIN.

**Batch Eligibility** - You may check eligibility for groups of members using the batch eligibility form located under "Eligibility". To create a batch, click "New Batch", enter a batch name, and then click "Create New Batch". You may begin entering member IDs and dates of services. To add more rows for additional members, click on "Save Batch". To check eligibility for all members in the batch, click "Check Eligibility". Eligibility information is saved until the "Check Eligibility" button is clicked again. On the left hand side will be a series of buttons: red for an ineligible/unknown member; green for an eligible member; and yellow for a member who has a share of cost obligation prior to becoming eligible. To view detailed member information, click on the button. To check eligibility for all members in the batch with a new date of service, add the new date of service into the Change Date field, click "Change Date", and then click "Check Eligibility". You may create as many batches as you need. To create a new batch, click on "New Batch" located on the main form. An existing batch may be saved into a new batch by using the "Copy Batch" function. Note - a batch will be deleted if there are no members in the batch.

#### Transaction Services

# Online - Provider Portal Eligibility Check

Eligibility

Batch Eligibility

Check Eligibility

### Data Requirements:

- 1. Member ID# or Last 4 of Member's SSN
- 2. Members Date of Birth or First/Last Name
- 3. Date of Service (DOS)

### Member Eligibility

Member ID or Last 4 of SSN  1

Date of Birth  2

First Name  2

Last Name

Date of Service (DOS)  3



# Eligible Member

Member ID or Last 4 of SSN

Date of Birth

02/01/1998

First Name

First Name

Last Name

Last Name

Date of Service (DOS)

09/03/2019



Member Info: As Of 09/03/2019

Inquiry Date: 9/3/2019 3:49:18 PM - Confirmation: 301271

<b>Member ID</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Special Case</b>
	TEST1 CENCAL	F	None
<b>Medicare Parts -</b>	<b>HIC#</b>	<b>DOB</b>	<b>Other Carriers</b>
		02/01/1998	ANTHEM BLUE CROSS (800) 677-666

Eligibility History: Last 12 Months As Of 09/03/2019

PCP Name (Phone)	Plan	Date range	Eligible	SOC	Benefits	Other Insurance (COB)
CHCCC - Nipomo 8059293211	SBHI	09/01/2019 - 09/30/2019	Y		Full	P - PPO/PHP/HMO/EPO not otherwise specified
CHCCC - Nipomo 8059293211	SBHI	08/01/2019 - 08/31/2019	Y		Full	P - PPO/PHP/HMO/EPO not otherwise specified
CHCCC - Nipomo 8059293211	SBHI	05/01/2019 - 07/31/2019	Y		Full	P - PPO/PHP/HMO/EPO not otherwise specified
CHCCC - Nipomo 8059293211	SBHI	04/01/2019 - 04/30/2019	Y		Full	P - PPO/PHP/HMO/EPO not otherwise specified
CenCal Health 8778141861	SBHI	03/01/2019 - 03/31/2019	Y		Full	P - PPO/PHP/HMO/EPO not otherwise specified

Services: As Of 09/03/2019

	Allowed	Used	Remaining
Medi-Services (MTD)	2	0	2
PT Visits (YTD)	18	0	18

Case Management: Last 12 Months As Of 09/03/2019

Program	Reason	Case Manager	Date Range
There are no Case Managers during the date range provided			

Specialized Programs:  
CM = CenCal Health Case Management

\* Restricted Services - Noted by Eligible Aid Code:  
Restricted to LTC and Related Services (53)



Check Eligibility



Add Member to Batch



Download to CSV



Reset Screen



Request a Medi-Reservation

# Member Not Eligible

Member ID or Last 4 of SSN:  Date of Birth:  First Name:  Last Name:  Date of Service (DOS):

Member is not eligible on 08/21/2019

 [DHS Check](#)

Member Info: As Of 08/21/2019 Inquiry Date: 9/4/2019 10:00:01 AM - Confirmation: 301274

Member ID:   
 Name: TEST2 CENCAL   
 Sex: F   
 Special Case: None   
 Medicare HIC#:   
 DOB: 06/01/1991   
 Parts -   
 Other Carriers:

Eligibility History: Last 12 Months As Of 08/21/2019

PCP Name (Phone)	Plan	Date range	Eligible	SOC	Benefits	Other Insurance (COB)
CenCal Health 8778141861	SBHI	08/01/2019 - 08/31/2019	N			N - None
CenCal Health 8778141861	SBHI	07/01/2019 - 07/31/2019	Y		Full	N - None
CenCal Health 8778141861	SBHI	05/01/2019 - 06/30/2019	N			N - None
Albert Hawkins 8059280997	SBHI	04/01/2019 - 04/30/2019	Y		Full	N - None
Albert Hawkins 8059280997	SBHI	02/01/2019 - 03/31/2019	Y		Full	N - None
Albert Hawkins 8059280997	SBHI	01/01/2019 - 01/31/2019	Y		Full	N - None
Albert Hawkins 8059280997	SBHI	12/01/2018 - 12/31/2018	Y		Full	N - None
CenCal Health 8778141861	SBHI	11/01/2018 - 11/30/2018	Y		Full	N - None
Albert Hawkins 8059280997	SBHI	08/01/2018 - 10/31/2018	Y		Full	N - None

Case Management: Last 12 Months As Of 08/21/2019

Program	Reason	Case Manager	Date Range
There are no Case Managers during the date range provided			

Specialized Programs:

CM = CenCal Health Case Management  
 PHD-CM = Public Health Department Case Management  
 TCRC = Tri Counties Regional Center

\* Restricted Services - Noted by Eligible Aid Code:

Restricted to LTC and Related Services (53)  
 Restricted to Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatments (OR, OU, OT)



Check Eligibility



Add Member to Batch



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Reset Screen



DHS Check





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