

Provider Training, Certification, and Medi-Cal Payment Information

This document includes information and policy guidance on how providers can complete certified training, attest to completing it, and receive Medi-Cal payment. Guidance is issued by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the Office of the California Surgeon General (CA-OSG).

For the latest information and guidance, visit the ACEs Aware [Certification & Payment webpage](#), the [Policy Guidance webpage](#), and [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

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Providers should follow these steps to receive Medi-Cal payment for conducting ACE screenings:

Step 1: Get trained

Beginning on July 1, 2020, providers must take a free, two-hour ACEs Aware online training at training.ACEsAware.org. Providers will receive 2.0 Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits and 2.0 Maintenance of Certification (MOC) credits upon completion. Additional trainings will be certified in 2020 and will be posted at ACEsAware.org/training.

Step 2: Attest to Completing Training

Beginning on July 1, 2020, Medi-Cal providers must self-attest to completing certified ACE training to receive payment for screening. Providers can find and submit the [ACE Training Attestation form](#) on the [Certification & Payment webpage](#).

Step 3: Screen for ACEs, Assess Risk for Toxic Stress, Respond with Evidence-Based Interventions, and Implement Trauma-Informed Care

Providers screen patients using a qualified ACE screening tool depending upon the patient's age – find the ACE screening tools at ACEsAware.org/screening-tools. Providers use the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System to bill Medi-Cal based on ACE screening results and properly document the screening (see [All Plan Letter 19-018](#)).

Step 4: Receive Medi-Cal Payment

Qualified Medi-Cal providers will receive a payment for providing qualifying screenings to patients up to age 65 with full-scope Medi-Cal.

Policy Guidance & Operational Frequency Asked Questions

The [Policy Guidance webpage](#) provides guidance for Medi-Cal managed care and fee-for-service delivery systems.

Managed Care – All-Plan Letters (APLs)

- [DHCS All-Plan Letter 20-008: Mitigating Health Impacts of Secondary Stress Due to the COVID-19 Emergency](#) (April 7, 2020)
- [DHCS All Plan Letter 19-018: Proposition 56 Directed Payments for ACE Screening Services](#) (December 26, 2019)

Fee-For Service – Provider Newsflashes and Policy Guidance

- [ACEs and Childhood Developmental Screening Trainings Ready for FQHC/RHC/IHS-MOA](#) (May 8, 2020)
- [ACE Screening News Flash for FQHC/RHC/IHS-MOA Clinics](#) (April 17, 2020)
- [Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service \(FFS\) Mitigating Health Impacts of Secondary Stress due to the 2019-Novel Coronavirus \(COVID19\) Emergency](#) (April 7, 2020)

The [FAQ webpage](#) provides answers to operational questions regarding ACE screenings paid for by Medi-Cal including, which providers qualify for Medi-Cal payment, whether providers may screen for ACEs via telehealth, and how providers can prepare to screen for ACEs.