



# 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](https://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](https://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)



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- [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.