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**To:** All Medi-Cal PCPs & IPAs

**From:** IEHP – Provider Relations

**Date:** October 25, 2023

**Subject:** **APL 22- 025: Dementia Care Aware to Bill Code 1494F for Medi-Cal Members**

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Effective July 1, 2022, a new requirement is in place for **billing code 1494F for Cognitive Health Assessments (CHA)** under DHCS All Plan Letter (APL) 22-025. This change is focused on improving the identification of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

**Key Updates:**

1. **Mandatory Training:** Providers must complete the DHCS Dementia Care Aware Cognitive Health Assessment (CHA) training before conducting any assessments eligible for reimbursement.
2. **Limited Reimbursement:** Reimbursement for cognitive health assessments is restricted to one payment per calendar year for each assessment provided to an eligible Member.

**Have you Completed the Dementia Care Aware CHA Training?**

We highly recommend prompt completion of the required training through [Dementia Care Aware](#) to ensure compliance with billing for 1494F for Medi-Cal only members.

DHCS is providing to managed care plans (MCPs), like IEHP, monthly reports of providers who have completed and attested to the required training. If you have already completed and attested to DHCS through Dementia Care Aware, thank you!

- ★ Lack of CHA training and attestation will result in ineligibility for reimbursement under Code 1494F.

**SPECIAL NOTE!**

**IEHP is offering an in-person and virtual CHA training**

**facilitated by the Alzheimer's Association on November 9, 2023 at 5:00 pm!**

**RSVP details are available on a separate communication titled:**

***Dementia Care Aware – Cognitive Health Assessment Training***

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