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Initial Health Assessment Dummy Code

The Initial Health Assessment (IHA) exam, as well as the Staying Healthy Assessment (SHA) form, are required by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to be performed within the first 120 days of enrollment with Medi-Cal. DHCS guidelines indicate that the primary care provider must attempt to contact and schedule the member **at least** three times in order for the IHA to be considered compliant, and the three attempts **must** include a combination of telephone and written communication (i.e. letter, post card).

The Alliance has implemented the IHA Dummy Code combination to allow providers to report that they've attempted to schedule a member at least three times for the IHA. Once the three attempts have been made, providers may report this by billing the claim combination below.

CPT: 99499, Modifier: KX, ICD-10: Z00.00

As a reminder, there is no reimbursement for the IHA Dummy Code; however, the member will be identified as compliant for the IHA measure in the Care-Based Incentive (CBI) Program, and the member will no longer appear as non-compliant on the Alliance Provider Portal.

Providers should refer to their electronic medical record to identify if a member is in need of the initial comprehensive physical exam; if so, the Alliance recommends performing a complete IHA and SHA form during the member's next visit. The completion of the SHA forms will be audited during your Facility Site Reviews and quarterly audits.

If you have questions, please contact a Provider Services Representative at (800) 700-3874 ext. 5504.