



**To:** Medi-Cal PCPs and Medi-Cal IPAs  
**From:** IEHP – Provider Relations  
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**Subject:** **Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs Aware Initiative) to address the Public Health Crisis of Toxic Stress from Childhood Trauma**

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The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) in conjunction with the California Office of the Surgeon General is supporting trauma screenings on an ongoing basis for all children and adults up to age 65 with full-scope coverage in Medi-Cal **effective January 1, 2020**. The goal is to reduce Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and toxic stress by half in one generation.

In order to perform screening for ACEs, Medi-Cal Providers **must complete Provider training and attest on the DHCS website**.

**Free online training is available at [acesaware.org/screen/provider-training](https://acesaware.org/screen/provider-training)**. The two-hour online curriculum is easy to access for a wide range of health care professionals and will provide continuing medical education (CME) and Maintenance of Certification (MOC) credit.

The Aces Aware website, [acesaware.org](https://acesaware.org), in addition to providing training also supplies valuable information including screening tools, resources, information about certification and payment and more.

ACEs screenings can be reported via encounter data using the following HCPCS codes: G9919 (positive screen with patient score of 4 or greater) or G9920 (negative screen with patient score of 0 to 3.)

IEHP will be providing more information in the coming weeks on our payment cycle for the ACEs screenings and publishing a schedule of payment release dates on our Provider Portal at [iehp.org](https://iehp.org).

**Remember, all Providers must attest to completing certified ACEs training by July 1, 2020** to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) website <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/> in order to receive payments.

As a reminder, all communications sent by IEHP can also be found on our Provider portal at: [www.iehp.org](https://www.iehp.org) > For Providers > Plan Updates > Correspondence.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the IEHP Provider Relations Team at (909) 890-2054.