



**To:** Direct PCPs, and Direct Specialists  
**From:** IEHP – Provider Relations  
**Date:** December 29, 2017  
**Subject:** **Advance Care Planning Reimbursement effective January 1, 2018**

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Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) values our Providers engaging with Members to do Advance Care Planning so that Members are able to make decisions about the health care they receive if they become unable to speak for themselves.

IEHP will allow payment to IEHP Direct contracted PCPs for the following services **effective January 1, 2018:**

<b>CPT Codes</b>	<b>Service descriptors</b>
99497	Advance care planning including the explanation and discussion of advance directives such as standard forms (with completion of such forms, when performed), by the physician or other qualified health care professional; first 30 minutes, face-to-face with the patient, family member(s) and/or surrogate
99498	Each additional 30 minutes (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

These two codes shall no longer be included in services covered under PCP capitation. Instead, they will be reimbursed at the applicable fee schedule based on Member line of business, IEHP Direct Medi-Cal or IEHP Direct DualChoice Cal Medi-Connect. Some Members may need advance care planning multiple times a year depending on their illness progression and desired medical interventions.

Specialists shall be paid at their IEHP contracted rate for IEHP Direct Members when submitting claims for **CPT 99497 or 99498**.

As a reminder, all communications sent by IEHP can also be found on our Provider portal at the following address: <https://ww3.iehp.org/en/providers/correspondence/>.

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