2026 Medi-Cal Provider Manual Update

The following table identifies the chapters, sections, and subsections updated for the 2026 edition of the **Molina Medi-Cal Provider Manual**. This summary does not include all the changes. Providers are encouraged to review and familiarize themselves with the entire document.

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