Medi-Cal Rx

New Pharmacy Pathway for Gender-Affirming Care Medications for Youth

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As published in the October 13, 2026, Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) bulletin *New Federal Reimbursement Limitations on Gender Affirming Care for Youth, Effective October 13, 2026*, and the Medi-Cal Rx alert *Now Active: New Federal Reimbursement Limitations on Gender-Affirming Care for Youth*, the new federal reimbursement limitations on gender-affirming care (GAC) for youth enrolled in Medi-Cal and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) are in effect.

The purpose of this notification is to inform Medi-Cal prescribers and pharmacy providers that the California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) has contracted with Pucci's Pharmacy to provide a pathway for GAC medications for youth impacted by the federal regulations.

What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Know

Prescriptions may now be sent directly to Pucci's Pharmacy.

Detailed instructions for submitting prescriptions and supply orders – along with clinical and operational guidance – are available in the Prescriber Guide, downloadable on the HCAI Gender Affirming Care Provider page.

Relevant Resources

- Gender Affirming Care Services (gender) section in the Medi-Cal Provider Manual
- *Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs List* (CDL) on the Contract Drugs & Covered Products Lists page
- Gender Affirming Care Services for Youth: What Providers Need to Know page on the HCAI website
- Pucci's Pharmacy GAC page

Stay Informed

DHCS—in partnership with HCAI—will share information as soon as it becomes available through the Medi-Cal Subscription Service for medical benefits, the Medi-Cal Rx Subscription Service for pharmacy benefits, and HCAI's Subscription Service for the state-only grant pathway. Please sign up if you have not done so already to ensure you receive important updates.

If you have additional questions, send an email to GenderAffirmingCare@hcai.ca.gov.