



Countdown to Go-Live – Have You Reviewed the Medi-Cal Rx Pharmacy Transition Policy?

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With just **two weeks** left until Medi-Cal Rx goes live on January 1, 2022, are you prepared?

Here are some suggestions to get you ready for the transition:

- ✓ Get ready to submit prior authorizations (PAs) by registering for the Medi-Cal Rx Secured Provider Portal (via the [User Administration Console \[UAC\]](#)) or [CoverMyMeds® \(CMM\)](#).
- ✓ Set up remit easy print for pharmacies through [Medicare Remit Easy Print \(MREP\) Software](#).
- ✓ Sign up for the [Medi-Cal Rx Subscription Service \(MCRxSS\)](#).
- ✓ Review training videos on the [Medi-Cal Rx YouTube Channel](#).
- ✓ Bookmark and review the [Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual](#).

Medi-Cal Rx Pharmacy Transition Policy Takeaways

Consult the [Pharmacy Transition Policy](#) for additional information and to become better acquainted with the Medi-Cal Rx processes. For details on what medications are covered under Medi-Cal Rx, consult the [Contract Drugs List \(CDL\)](#) and the [Drug Lookup](#) tool. Key takeaways from the transition policy are outlined below:

- At least **15 months** of encounters/paid claims and PA history received from the Managed Care Plans (MCPs) and existing Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service (FFS) Fiscal Intermediary (FI) have been loaded into Medi-Cal Rx's claims processing system to support edits that may "grandfather" and/or "look back" to see if a product has been previously dispensed to a Medi-Cal beneficiary in managed care or FFS.
- Medi-Cal Rx will accept previously approved PAs through their stated duration, not to exceed **one full year** from the date of approval.
- The transition policy includes a 180-day period during which a PA will not be required for beneficiaries' existing prescriptions without previously approved PAs, or for prescriptions

that have a previously approved PA that expires prior to the end of the transition period that now have PA requirements under Medi-Cal Rx. Please note, DHCS policy requires an approved PA for all off-label use of an FDA-approved drug.

- This policy **does not** apply to new prescriptions or drugs that do not have code 1 labeler restrictions under Medi-Cal Rx.
- For new prescriptions not requiring PA under Medi-Cal Rx, these claims are not impacted by this policy and will be processed and paid by Medi-Cal Rx.

Contact Information

- **Medi-Cal Rx Customer Service Center** toll-free number: 1-800-977-2273, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year
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