



Clarification of Temporary Prior Authorization (PA) Policy Change

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In a [bulletin](#) published February 6, 2022, several drug classes were identified which would not have the PA requirements temporarily removed. To clarify, this policy change will only affect benzodiazepines and opioids not currently on the Contract Drugs List, and drugs currently excluded from coverage by Medi-Cal Rx in those under the age of 21. For most drugs in these classes, there are not existing PA requirements, therefore they are not affected. This change does not affect any existing age restrictions which currently require a PA (e.g., the use of psychotropics in children).