

How to Find Covered Drugs

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To determine drug coverage, prior authorization (PA) requirements, Code 1 specifics, and drug restrictions and limitations, refer to the [Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual](#) and the [Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs List](#) (CDL). Use the [Medi-Cal Rx Drug Lookup Tool](#) and the [Medi-Cal Rx Approved National Drug Code \(NDC\) List](#) to find NDC-specific drug coverage information.



- The CDL and NDC do not reflect recent temporary changes the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) implemented to reduce claim denials and PAs.
- Information provided by these tools does not guarantee coverage or payment.

Medi-Cal Rx CDL

The [CDL](#) is a list of drugs that have been reviewed and are generally available without a PA. It is searchable by generic names only, and some drugs on it may have utilization controls referred to as a Code 1. Any labeler restriction (LR) for a drug will be notated with a five-digit LR number.

The [CDL](#) can be found on the [Medi-Cal Rx Provider Portal](#), on the [Forms & Information](#) page and then selecting the **Covered Products List** tab on the lefthand side. The CDL can also be found on the [Medi-Cal Rx home page](#) by clicking the **Tools & Resources** drop-down menu at the top of the page and selecting the [CDL](#).

- Using **Ctrl-F** on your keyboard will help search for a particular drug name on the [CDL](#).
- Drugs that are not listed on it require PA.
- The Code 1 column lists additional restrictions such as LRs, quantity limits, age limits, and diagnosis restrictions.

Medi-Cal Rx Approved NDC List

The [NDC List](#) is a spreadsheet that contains [NDCs](#) eligible for coverage and reimbursement under MediCal Rx. This list is updated monthly and includes drugs listed on the [CDL](#), as well as drugs not listed on the [CDL](#) requiring PA. Code 1 restrictions for drugs listed on the [CDL](#) are not included on the [NDC List](#) but can be found on the [CDL](#).