How to Find Covered Drugs
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To determine drug coverage, prior authorization (PA) requirements, Code I 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 Drug Lookup Tool (DLT) and the *Medi-Cal Rx Approved NDC List* to find NDC-specific drug coverage information.

Note: 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 listed may have utilization controls referred to as a Code I restriction. Any labeler restrictions (LRs) for a drug will be notated with a five-digit LR code.

- Search for a particular drug name on the CDL by using **Ctrl + F** on the keyboard.
- Drugs that are not listed on the CDL require a PA.
- The Code I column provides diagnosis restrictions and details regarding the utilization management (UM) restrictions listed in the UM Type column such as LR, quantity limit (QL), and age limit (AL).

Medi-Cal Rx Approved NDC List

The *Medi-Cal Rx Approved NDC List* is a spreadsheet that contains NDCs eligible for coverage and reimbursement under Medi-Cal Rx. The *List* is updated monthly and includes drugs listed on the CDL, as well as drugs not listed on the CDL requiring a PA. Code I restrictions for drugs listed on the CDL are not included on the *List* but can be found on the CDL.

Resources

- Access the **Drug Lookup Tool** by selecting **Drug Lookup** from the Tools & Resources drop-down menu on the Medi-Cal Rx Provider Portal.
- Access the CDL and *Medi-Cal Rx Approved NDC List* in the following locations:
  - From the Medi-Cal Rx Provider Portal, select **Forms & Information** and then **Covered Products List**.
  - From the Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal, select **Tools & Resources** and then **Contract Drugs & Covered Products Lists**.
- Refer to the *Medi-Cal Rx Drug Lookup Tool and Contract Drugs List Tips*.
- Refer to the *Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual*.

Contact Information

You can call the Medi-Cal Rx Customer Service Center (CSC) at 1-800-977-2273, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year.

For other questions, email Medi-Cal Rx Education & Outreach at MediCalRxEducationOutreach@primetherapeutics.com.