



# Medi-Cal Rx Billing Policy for Disposable Insulin Delivery Devices

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The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has received reports of impeded access to insulin pumps by providers asserting these products are a pharmacy benefit and billable to Medi-Cal Rx. This is incorrect. Insulin pumps are a Durable Medical Equipment (DME) benefit, not a pharmacy benefit, and should not be billed as such to Medi-Cal Rx.

Providers should bill insulin pumps as a medical benefit, and medical claims should be submitted by the provider to either the Fee-for-Service (FFS) fiscal intermediary or a Managed Care Plan (MCP) as applicable. FFS coverage policy for insulin pumps has not changed since the implementation of Medi-Cal Rx on January 1, 2022.

Currently, only **disposable** insulin delivery devices are a pharmacy benefit billable to Medi-Cal Rx with an approved prior authorization (PA). Disposable insulin delivery devices are not interchangeable with insulin pumps and would need both a new prescription and a new authorized PA for coverage. Covered products are restricted to V-Go pods and Omnipod devices; only these products are reimbursable as a National Drug Code (NDC)-billed pharmacy item through Medi-Cal Rx.

For more information regarding disposable insulin delivery devices coverage as a Medi-Cal Rx benefit, please refer to the [List of Covered Disposable Insulin Delivery Devices](#) on the [Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal](#).

Medi-Cal MCPs must continue to cover and reimburse non-disposable insulin pumps as a medical benefit. Medi-Cal beneficiaries should not be directed to go to a pharmacy to obtain these DME items. Beneficiaries should contact their MCP directly for information and direction for acquiring these items as a medical benefit.