



Update: Postponement of Implementation of NCPDP Reject Code 80

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What is happening?

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has elected to postpone implementation of the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) **Reject Code 80 - Diagnosis Code Submitted Does Not Meet Drug Coverage Criteria**.

Claims submitted to Medi-Cal Rx will NOT be edited for a diagnosis code as planned to begin July 22, 2022. Pharmacies are advised to not impose Code 1 diagnosis code restrictions on their local systems that would otherwise prevent the dispensing of prescriptions without a diagnosis code that aligns with the Contract Drugs List (CDL).

Feedback from stakeholder engagements has been critical to the design of the reinstatement plan for claim edits and prior authorizations (PA) for Medi-Cal Rx. DHCS and Magellan Medicaid Administration acknowledge that implementation of Reject Code 80 could require submission of PAs prior to the timeframe targeted for PA reinstatement.

The decision to postpone application of a diagnosis code edit at this time aligns with our commitment to continue the dialogue with our stakeholder community and ensure the delivery of timely and safe pharmacy services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries and providers across California. Medi-Cal Rx will undertake a robust communication and education plan before Reject Code 80 is executed.

The entire alert can be found [here](#).