Medi-Cal Rx

Medi-Cal Rx Newborn Claims

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Why is this important?

Claims for newborn members who are up to 60 days old are covered under their mother's Medi-Cal ID number.

Services to an infant may be billed with the mother's Medi-Cal ID from birth to the end of the following month only (up to 60 days). After this time, the infant must have their own Medi-Cal ID number.

What do pharmacy providers need to do?

Pharmacy providers should review the following instructions to submit claims for newborn members 60 days of age or younger. Each of the following NCPDP fields must be entered on a newborn claim:

- Insured's ID number (NCPDP Field ID 302-C2):
  - Enter the mother's Benefits Identification Card (BIC) ID
- Insured's Date of Birth (DOB) (NCPDP Field ID 304-C4):
  - Enter the mother's DOB
- Patient Gender Code (NCPDP Field ID 305-C5):
  - Enter the mother's gender code
- Insured/patient name – first and last (NCPDP Field ID 310-CA and 311-CB):
  - Enter the mother's first and last name
- Relationship code (NCPDP Field ID 306-C6):
  - 03: Dependent
- Prior authorization type code (PATC) (NCPDP Field ID 461-EU):
  - PATC 8: Payer Defined Exemption
- In the Specific Details/Remarks field in the *California Specific Pharmacy Claim Form* (30-1) and the *California Specific Compound Pharmacy Claim Form* (30-4):
  - Enter "*Newborn using mother's Medi-Cal ID*" with the infant's name, sex, and DOB. If the infant has not yet been named, write the mother's last name followed by "Baby Boy" or "Baby Girl." Newborns from a multiple birth must also be designated by number or letter (such as, "Twin A" and "Twin B" **or** "Twin 1" and "Twin 2").

Newborn claims submitted incorrectly and without these NCPDP fields may deny with **Reject Code 52 – Nonmatched Cardholder ID** with supplemental message "*Submitted First/Last name or DOB does not match to the submitted Member ID.*"

Newborn claims submitted under the mother's Medi-Cal ID more than 60 days from birth, will deny with Reject Code 600 – Coverage Outside of Submitted Date of Service.

For more information

Refer to the *Newborns* section in the *Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual* for additional information.

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.