



Medi-Cal Rx Newborn Claims

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Why is this important?

Claims for newborn beneficiaries who are up to 60 days old (the first month of birth to the end of the following month) are covered under their mother's Medi-Cal Rx ID number.

Services to an infant may be billed with the mother's ID for the month of birth and the following month only, ≤ 60 days. After this time, infants must have their own Medi-Cal Rx ID number.

How does this impact stakeholders?

Pharmacy provider should follow the below instructions to submit claims for newborn beneficiaries ≤ 60 days. Each of the following National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (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 (NCPDP Field ID 304-C4):
 - Enter the mother's date of birth
- 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 (PA) type code (NCPDP Field ID 461-EU):
 - PA Type Code 8: Payer Defined Exemption

- In the California Specific Pharmacy Claim Form (30-1) and California Specific Compound Pharmacy Claim Form (30-4) **Specific Details/Remarks Field:**
 - Enter “Newborn using mother’s ID” with the infant’s name, sex, and date of birth. 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 (e.g., “Twin A” and “Twin B” **or** “Twin 1” and “Twin 2”).

Newborn claims submitted incorrectly and without the above-mentioned fields may deny with NCPDP **Reject Code 52: Nonmatched Cardholder ID** with a message of “Submitted First/Last name or DOB does not match to the submitted Member ID.”



- Newborn claims submitted under the mother’s ID after the above-mentioned time frame will deny with NCPDP Reject Code 600: Coverage Outside of Submitted Date of Service.

For more information

Refer to the *Newborns* section of the [Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual](#) for additional information.

Questions?

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