



Updates to the Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual

June 1, 2022

The updates/additions below have been made to the *Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual*.

For more information, see the [Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual](#) Version 1.14 on the Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal.

Section	Update Description	Effective Date
<i>Section 12.1 – Noncovered Nutrition Products</i>	Deleted “blenderized” from the first bulleted item.	June 1, 2022
<i>Section 12.2 – Prescription Requirements</i>	Added “or electronic” to the first sentence.	
<i>Section 12.3.5 – Specialty Infant Products Criteria</i>	Updated the verbiage in the “Authorization for specialty infant products” paragraph.	
<i>Section 13.0 – Medical Supplies</i>	Updated the language specific to enteral nutrition and medical supplies: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Added Blood Pressure Monitoring Devices and Blood Pressure Cuffs to the list of <i>Covered Medical Supplies Product Descriptions and Billing Information</i> when provided on a written prescription (or electronic equivalent).• Updated <i>Section 13.0 – Medical Supplies</i> in the <i>Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual</i> to add Blood Pressure Monitoring Devices, add Blood Pressure Cuffs, and move “Pen	June 1, 2022

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	<p>Needles" out of the <i>Specific Diabetic Supplies</i> section.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated the prescription requirements by updating "physician" to also include nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or physician assistant within the scope of their practice for medical supplies. Updated "physician" to "prescriber." 	
<p><i>Section 13.3 – Diabetic Supplies – Disposable Insulin Delivery Devices</i></p>	<p>Added the following verbiage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Note: Disposable insulin delivery devices are not interchangeable with insulin pumps and would need a new prescription and a new authorized PA for coverage. Insulin pumps are a Durable Medical Equipment (DME) benefit, not a pharmacy benefit, and should not be billed 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." 	<p>June 1, 2022</p>
<p><i>Section 13.4 – Diabetic Supplies – Therapeutic Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) Systems</i></p>	<p>Added the following verbiage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Non-therapeutic continuous glucose monitoring systems are not a pharmacy benefit and should not be billed to Medi-Cal Rx. Providers should bill these devices as a medical benefit by the provider to a Managed Care Plan (MCP)." 	<p>June 1, 2022</p>

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<p><i>Section 15.8 – Physician Administered Drugs (PAD)</i></p>	<p>Added the following verbiage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “If a drug is administered by a health care provider other than a pharmacist in a pharmacy setting, and not self-administered by the beneficiary or caregiver even if the drug is FDA approved for self-administration, that drug would primarily be considered a medical benefit by merit of the administration by a medical provider. Therefore, the same policy pertaining to other non-self-administered drugs (i.e., those not FDA approved for self-administration) would be applicable in this scenario. It should only be billed by a pharmacy provider if the same reasons previously documented for other PAD drugs apply.” 	<p>June 1, 2022</p>
<p><i>Section 17.0 – COVID-19 Vaccine Coverage, Reimbursement, and OTC Antigen Test Kits</i></p>	<p>Added verbiage to inform providers of the availability of a 2nd booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table 17.0-1 and 17.0-3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Updated the list of available vaccines. • Added verbiage to the end of the following sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>For Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 or Pfizer Booster Dose(s)</i> – <i>For Moderna COVID-19 Booster Dose(s)</i> – <i>For Moderna COVID-19 Booster Dose(s)</i> 	<p>June 1, 2022</p>