



Code 1 Documentation and Postponement of Implementation of NCPDP Reject Code 80

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What Providers Need to Know

Code 1 drugs are restricted to certain medical conditions or specific circumstances. If the prescribed medication is subject to Code 1 restriction, providers are obligated to document the meeting of Code 1 restrictions and to keep that information readily available.

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) recently updated the alert titled, "[Update: Postponement of Implementation of NCPDP Reject Code 80](#)," originally published on July 12, 2022, to provide additional clarification. Claims submitted to Medi-Cal Rx will not be edited for a diagnosis code (NCPDP Reject Code 80) as planned to begin July 22, 2022.

Providers are reminded of their obligation to document the meeting of Code 1 restrictions and to keep that information readily available. However, if the diagnosis does not meet the Code 1 criteria, prior authorization (PA) will not be required until such time as reinstatement of Medi-Cal Rx PA processes for the drug dispensed have been fully implemented. Claims for the medication may be submitted without an approved PA.

What Providers Need to Do

Review the **updated** Medi-Cal Rx alert [Update: Postponement of Implementation of NCPDP Reject Code 80](#).

Refer to the [Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs List](#) to identify medications with Code 1 requirements.