



Coverage of Sterile Syringes with Needles (Non-Insulin)

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Summary

Medi-Cal Rx would like to remind pharmacy providers that coverage of sterile syringes with needles (non-insulin) continues to be restricted to products on the [List of Covered Sterile Syringes with Needles \(Non-Insulin\)](#) for Medi-Cal beneficiaries as a Medi-Cal Rx **pharmacy benefit**. For additional coverage information, reimbursement, and billing requirements, refer to the [Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual](#) on the [Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal](#).

Which Syringes are Considered a Pharmacy Benefit?

Claims for syringes found on the [List of Covered Sterile Syringes with Needles \(Non-Insulin\)](#) can be submitted to Medi-Cal Rx using standard pharmacy claim processing information.

Which Syringes are Considered a Medical Benefit?

- Sterile needles, syringes without needles, and non-insulin syringes with needles excluded from the [List of Covered Sterile Syringes with Needles \(Non-Insulin\)](#) are considered a medical benefit.
- Non-listed non-insulin sterile syringes with needles should be billed on a medical claim through the California Medicaid Management Information Systems fiscal intermediary via a Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code on a *CMS 1500* claim form for Fee-for-Service Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan members should contact their individual plan for coverage policy for non-covered Medi-Cal Rx benefits.

- Insulin syringes are a covered Medi-Cal Rx pharmacy benefit and not subject to a contracted List. Providers can bill for insulin syringes if the billing code/National Drug Code is active in the system. Please refer to the [Covered Medical Supplies Product Descriptions and Billing Information](#) Excel spreadsheet for pricing and restrictions.

Further Questions Regarding Syringes?

For questions or concerns regarding Medi-Cal policy specific to syringes with needles (non-insulin), email RXCarveOut@dhcs.ca.gov.

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@magellanhealth.com.