



# NCPDP Reject Code 80 and Diagnosis Documentation of Code 1 Restriction

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## What Pharmacy Providers Need to Know

Code 1 drugs require authorization in accordance with *California Code of Regulations (CCR)* Title 22, Section 51003, unless used under the conditions specified in the [Contract Drugs List \(CDL\)](#), and are subject to the prescription documentation requirements in CCR, Title 22, Section 51476(c). If the prescribed drug is subject to Code 1 restriction(s), pharmacy providers are to document the meeting of Code 1 restrictions and to keep that information readily available. Medi-Cal Rx would like to remind pharmacy providers about processes related specifically to Code 1 documentation associated with **NCPDP Reject Code 80 – Diagnosis Code Submitted Does Not Meet Drug Coverage Criteria.**

## What Pharmacy Providers Need to Do

- **Prescribers:** A general diagnosis or *International Statistical Classification of Disease – 10th Revision (ICD-10)* code(s) communicated by the prescriber is acceptable to identify if the Code 1 restriction(s) for diagnosis are met. Medi-Cal Rx does not require diagnosis or ICD-10 code(s) be written on the prescription.
- **Pharmacy Providers:** ICD-10 Code(s) or Submission Clarification Code (SCC) value of “7 – Medically Necessary” can be used to manage claims submitted for Code 1 restricted products with a diagnosis/type of illness restriction. Claims submitted with SCC value of “7” indicate that the Code 1 restriction has been met. Medi-Cal Rx is aware that various ICD-10 Codes reflect a single diagnosis and as a result does not require a specific ICD-10 code to be entered at the time of claim submission. Pharmacy providers may attest the Code 1 restriction is met by using ICD-10 Codes or the SCC value of “7”. If the pharmacy software requires resolution with an ICD-10 code, then the pharmacy provider should enter the

appropriate ICD-10 code related to the diagnosis (diagnosis confirmed with patient, pharmacy prescriber, or other source of knowledge with the diagnosis). Medi-Cal Rx does not require a specific ICD-10 code to be entered at time of claim submission.

**Note:** NCPCP Reject Code 80 has not been reinstated at this time as mentioned in the August 2022 alert, [Code 1 Documentation and Postponement of Implementation of NCPDP Reject Code 80](#).

## 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.

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