



Medication Abortion: Coverage of Misoprostol-Only Regimen

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What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Know

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) clinical guidelines regarding medication abortion up to 70 days of gestation ([Practice Bulletin Number 225](#), as reaffirmed in 2023) recommend a combined mifepristone-misoprostol regimen as the preferred therapy for medication abortion. Guidelines also state that if a combined mifepristone-misoprostol regimen is not available, a misoprostol-only regimen is the recommended alternative regimen for medication abortion.

Based on potential disruptions in the availability of mifepristone as a result of ongoing litigation, this alert reiterates that:

- Medi-Cal Rx covers misoprostol when substituted for a combined mifepristone-misoprostol regimen and administered consistent with clinical guidelines issued by ACOG.
- Misoprostol is on the [Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs List](#) (CDL) with no prior authorization (PA) requirements.

What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Do

Pharmacy providers and prescribers can reference the [Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual](#) and the [CDL](#). Pharmacy providers and prescribers are also encouraged to check the [Medi-Cal Rx Bulletins & News](#) page and abortion.ca.gov for future updates.

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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