



Drug Lookup Tool – Enhanced Functionality

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Background

The purpose of this alert is to inform pharmacy providers and prescribers about the improved functionality of the [Drug Lookup Tool \(DLT\)](#) found on the [Medi-Cal Rx Provider Portal](#). Refinement of this tool reflects the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) commitment to better meet the needs of pharmacy providers, prescribers, and beneficiaries.

Note: Information contained within this tool does not guarantee coverage or payment and is subject to change. Refer to the [Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual](#) and [Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs List – Authorized Drug Manufacturer Labeler Codes](#).

What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Know

The DLT allows users to:

- Access DLT functionality on mobile devices.
- Search for a single-source drug by brand name or search for a multisource drug by brand or generic name. Drug name recommendations will appear when typing a drug name.
 - Recommendations will include various dosage and formulations.
- Search for a drug and view all Hierarchical Ingredient Code List (HICL) value results in the Label Name column with the associated NDCs and brands.
- Identify the following information for the drug:
 - Prior Authorization (PA) requirements
 - Code I restrictions
 - Drug type (Brand or Generic)
- Review linked resources related to PA requirements and Code I restrictions via the Help icons.

What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Do

How to Access

The DLT can be accessed on the [Medi-Cal Rx Provider Portal](#) by selecting **Drug Lookup** from the **Tools & Resources** drop-down menu.

Select the **Search By** drop-down menu to search by either Drug Name or NDC. See *Figure 1*.

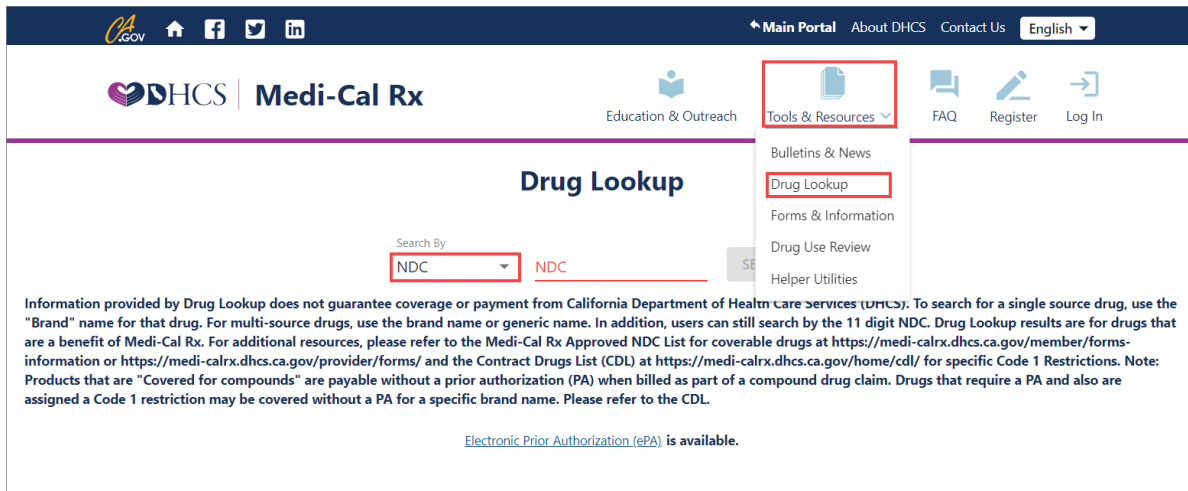


Figure 1: Drug Lookup Tool – Search by NDC or Drug Name

Enhanced Features

- Users can now search by drug name, and recommended results will load. See *Figure 2*.

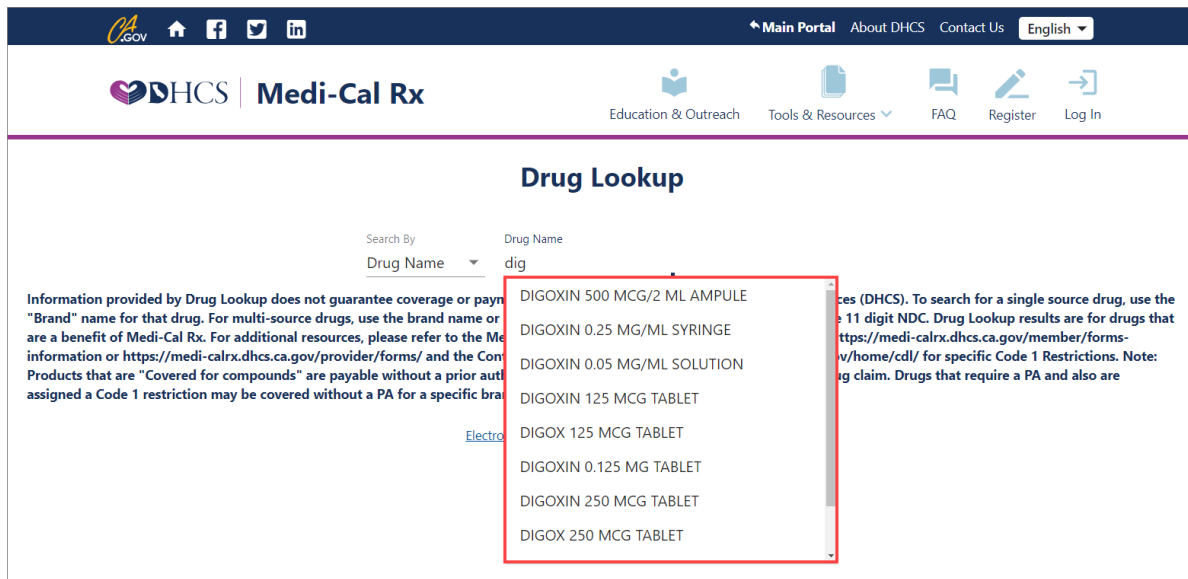


Figure 2: Drug Lookup Tool – Search by Drug Name

- When searching by name, the DLT will display multiple results based upon the HICL level information. See *Figure 3*.

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[Electronic Prior Authorization \(ePA\) is available.](#)

LABEL NAME	NDC	DRUG TYPE	PRIOR AUTHORIZATION	CODE 1
LANOXIN PED 100 MCG/ML AMPUL	70515026210	Brand	Yes	No
DIGOXIN 500 MCG/2 ML AMPULE	00641141031	Generic	No	No
DIGOXIN 500 MCG/2 ML AMPULE	00641141035	Generic	No	No

Figure 3: Drug Lookup Tool: Digoxin Search Results

- Users can select the **Help** icons in the Prior Authorization or Code I columns to view hint text containing linked resources. See *Figure 4*.

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LABEL NAME	NDC	DRUG TYPE	PRIOR AUTHORIZATION	CODE 1
STERILE WATER FOR INJECTION	00264738550	Generic	No	No
STERILE WATER FOR INJECTION	00264738560	Generic	Yes	No

Please see [Medi-Cal Rx Options for PA Submission Guide](#) for details.

Figure 4: Drug Lookup Tool – Prior Authorization and Code I

- New functionality is available on mobile devices. See *Figure 5*.

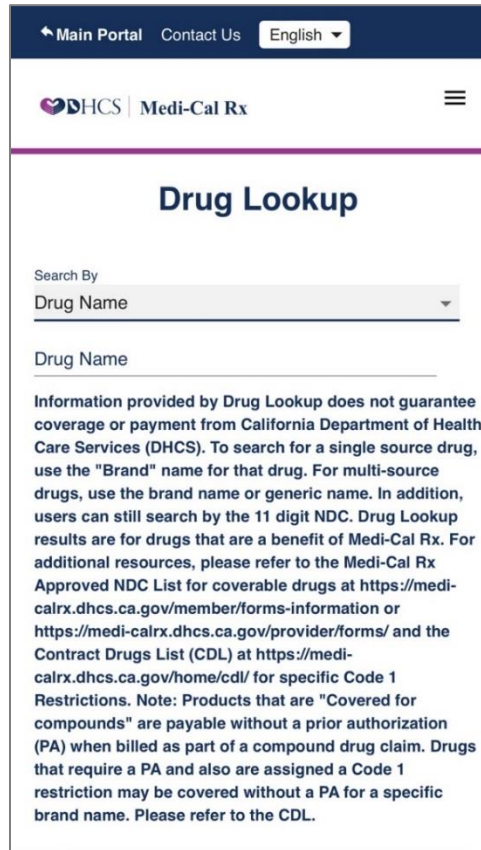


Figure 5: Drug Lookup Tool – Mobile Device

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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