

Updates to the List of Contracted Personal Blood Pressure Monitoring Devices and Blood Pressure Cuffs, Effective July 1, 2023, and October 1, 2023

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The purpose of this alert is to notify providers that the <u>List of Contracted Personal Blood</u> <u>Pressure Monitoring Devices and Blood Pressure Cuffs</u> has been updated on the <u>Medi-Cal Rx</u> <u>Web Portal</u> to reflect upcoming changes effective July 1, 2023, and October 1, 2023.

What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Know

Newly contracted self-monitoring blood pressure devices and corresponding cuffs, effective July 1, 2023, have been added to the *List*. A new section specific to the coverage of contracted personal blood pressure monitoring devices and blood pressure cuffs titled *Personal Home Blood Pressure Monitoring Devices and Blood Pressure Cuffs* will be added to the <u>Medi-Cal Rx</u> <u>Provider Manual</u> on July 1, 2023.

Effective October 1, 2023, several non-contracted self-monitoring blood pressure devices and corresponding cuffs will be deleted from the *List*. On and after October 1, 2023, a claim for a deleted product will deny with **Reject Code 70 – Product/Service Not Covered**. Providers can select a contracted product to bill through Medi-Cal Rx from the *List* or opt to bill the beneficiary's medical benefit using an HCPCS code and a *CMS-1500* form via the medical claim process.

The amount reimbursed to providers for Medi-Cal Rx contracted personal blood pressure monitoring devices and blood pressure cuff products is the Maximum Acquisition Cost (MAC) multiplied by the number of units dispensed, plus a 23 percent markup. Assembly Bill (AB) 97 (2011) still impacts medical supplies claims; a ten percent reduction applies to each paid claim.

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The MAC price is the price manufacturer has guaranteed the product can be purchased from at least one source for dispensing by a Medi-Cal Rx provider to a Medi-Cal Rx beneficiary. Refer to the toll-free number provided in the *List* to contact the manufacturer to access the product at the guaranteed MAC.

Product addition or inclusion on the *List* does not guarantee supply nor individual specific coverage. Products deleted from the *List* will no longer be reimbursable, even with an approved prior authorization (PA), on or after the effective date of deletion. **Note:** The published prices for these deleted products are no longer guaranteed.

Beneficiaries affected by deletions from the *List* should seek new prescriptions from their licensed prescriber for a comparable item that is listed. Continuing care does not apply.

What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Do

- Refer to the *List* for specific contracted products.
- Refer to the toll-free number provided in the <u>List</u> to contact the manufacturer to access the product at the guaranteed MAC.

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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 <u>MediCalRxEducationOutreach@magellanhealth.com</u>.