



30-Day Countdown: Phase IV, Lift 4: End of Transition Policy

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Background

The purpose of this alert is to notify pharmacy providers and prescribers that on November 10, 2023, Phase IV, Lift 4 (P4/L4) will be implemented for members 22 years of age and older.

P4/L4 will:

- Retire the Transition Policy for all pharmacy benefits for members 22 years of age and older.
Note: Members 21 years of age and younger will not be impacted at this time.
- Reinstate prior authorization (PA) requirements for all therapies for standard therapeutic classes (STCs) 68, 86, and 87, which includes enteral nutrition products.
- Reinstate Brand Medically Necessary (BMN) PA requirements for all claims.

Reinstatement of PA Requirements for STCs 68, 86, and 87

What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Know

PA requirements will be reinstated for all therapies for STCs 68, 86, and 87 for members 22 years of age and older.

Phase IV, Lift 4 (P4/L4) Drug Classes *		
Protein Lysates (STC 68)	Infant Formulas (STC 86)	Electrolytes and Miscellaneous Nutrients (STC 87)

* STC refers to the Standard Therapeutic Classification number.



- Enteral nutrition products are included within STCs 68, 86, and 87.
- Members 21 years of age and younger will not be impacted at this time.

What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Do

- Pharmacy providers should assess business processes and workflows to account for the reinstatement of PA requirements for drugs/products in STCs 68, 86, and 87 for members 22 years of age and older.
- If a member is 22 years of age and older and currently receiving a drug/product in STCs 68, 86, or 87, pharmacy providers and prescribers should prepare for the retirement of the Transition Policy in the following ways:
 - Consider alternate therapies that may not require a PA, if clinically appropriate. Review the [Contract Drugs & Covered Products Lists](#) page on the [Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal](#).
 - If a change in therapy is not appropriate, submit a PA request in advance of the retirement of the Transition Policy via one of the approved Medi-Cal Rx PA submission methods. Refer to the [Prior Authorization Submission Reminders](#) alert and the [Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual](#) for more information on submitting a PA.



Providers are encouraged to submit a PA in advance of the retirement of the Transition Policy for STCs 68, 86, and 87 (including enteral nutrition products).

Reinstatement of BMN PAs for DAW 1

What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Know

Claims submitted with a dispense as written (DAW) code of DAW 1 for a brand, multisource product, when the product is not subject to a labeler restriction for the brand drug, will deny for BMN PA requirements. This will be reinstated for claims for members 22 years of age and older.

Note: Claims submitted for brand, multisource drugs that do not have a Maximum Allowable Ingredient Cost (MAIC) or Federal Upper Limit (FUL) price type will not deny for BMN PA requirements.

What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Do

If a member is 22 years of age and older and DAW 1 must be submitted on a claim where the product is not labeler restricted and is a multisource brand, pharmacy providers and prescribers should:

- Refer to the [Contract Drugs & Covered Products List](#) page on the [Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal](#) for labeler code information.
- Submit a BMN PA request via one of the approved Medi-Cal Rx PA submission methods.
- Refer to the [Prior Authorization Submission Reminders](#) alert and the [Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual](#) for more information on submitting a PA.

Resources

- [Reject Code 80 \(Diagnosis\) – Implementation Date Postponed](#)
- [90-Day Countdown: Reinstatement of Prior Authorization Requirements for Enteral Nutrition Products for Members 22 Years of Age and Older](#)
- [30-Day Countdown: Reinstatement of Cost Ceiling and Prior Authorization for Enteral Nutrition and Specific Standard Therapeutic Classes](#)
- [Medi-Cal Rx Enteral Nutrition – Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)
- [Medi-Cal Rx Enteral Nutrition Prior Authorization Request Form](#)
- [Prior Authorization Submission Reminders](#)
- Refer to the *Reinstatement Spotlight* published weekly on the [Bulletins & News](#) page
- [Dispense as Written \(DAW\), Brand Medically Necessary \(BMN\), and Reimbursement – Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)

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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