



Medi-Cal Rx

Deactivation of Override Code “55555” for Select Drugs/Products – Medi-Cal Rx Program Integrity Update

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Background

Medi-Cal Rx is committed to identifying and responding swiftly to suspected fraud, waste, and abuse (FWA). The Medi-Cal Rx Program Integrity/Special Investigations Unit (PI/SIU) identifies and assesses pharmacy related FWA risks on an ongoing basis.

In an effort to reduce FWA, Medi-Cal Rx will be implementing the following program integrity update beginning November 17, 2023:

- Deactivation of override code “55555” for specific First DataBank (FDB) Generic Sequence Number (GSN) categories and NDC-specific drugs/products.

What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Know

On November 4, 2022, Medi-Cal Rx published an alert titled [Prior Authorization Required: Reject Code 75 Reminder](#) regarding the use of the “55555” override code. Effective November 17, 2023, this override code will no longer be accepted for drugs/products under specific GSN categories or NDC-specific drugs.

What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Do

The “55555” override code will no longer be accepted for drugs/products that fall within the specific GSN category or for the standard therapeutic classes’ (STC) NDC-specific drugs/products identified in the following tables. As a result, the claim will be subject to Medi-Cal Rx policies.

GSN Categories			
STC	STC Description	GSN	Label Name
01	Anti-Ulcer Preps/ Gastrointestinal Preps	060473	Omeprazole-Bicarb 20-1,680 packet
01	Anti-Ulcer Preps/ Gastrointestinal Preps	060473	Zegerid 20 mg packet
01	Anti-Ulcer Preps/ Gastrointestinal Preps	060474	Omeprazole-Bicarb 40-1,680 packet
01	Anti-Ulcer Preps/ Gastrointestinal Preps	060474	Zegerid 40 mg packet
08	Muscle Relaxants	004312	Norgesic Forte 50-770-60 mg tablet

GSN Categories			
STC	STC Description	GSN	Label Name
08	Muscle Relaxants	004312	Orphengesic Forte 50-770-60 mg
27	Other Antibiotics	080360	Amzeeq 4% foam
27	Other Antibiotics	081111	Zilxi 1.5% foam
41	Non-Opioid Analgesics	024195	Diclofenac Pot 25 mg tablet
41	Non-Opioid Analgesics	024195	Lofena 25 mg tablet
41	Non-Opioid Analgesics	065429	Diclofenac Potassium 25 mg capsule
41	Non-Opioid Analgesics	065429	Zipsor 25 mg capsule
42	Antiarthritics	062176	Diclofenac Epolamine 1.3% patch
42	Antiarthritics	062176	Flector 1.3% patch
42	Antiarthritics	066328	Naproxen-Esomepraz Dr 500-20 mg
42	Antiarthritics	066328	Vimovo Dr 500-20 mg tablet
42	Antiarthritics	066329	Naproxen-Esomepraz Dr 375-20 mg
42	Antiarthritics	066329	Vimovo Dr 375-20 mg tablet
42	Antiarthritics	071910	Diclofenac 2% solution pump
42	Antiarthritics	071910	Pennsaid 2% pump
42	Antiarthritics	075207	Meloxicam 5 mg capsule
42	Antiarthritics	075208	Meloxicam 10 mg capsule
42	Antiarthritics	079402	Licart 1.3% patch
42	Antiarthritics	008340	Indocin 50 mg suppository
45	Anesthetic Local Topical	073512	Synoflex 4%-5% patch
45	Anesthetic Local Topical	075074	Lidotral 3.88% cream
45	Anesthetic Local Topical	082619	Dermacinrx Lidogel 2.8% gel
45	Anesthetic Local Topical	082619	Dermacinrx Lidorex 2.8% gel
51	Glucocorticoids	007630	Diflorasone 0.05% ointment
81	Water Soluble Vitamins	084000	Dermacinrx Davimet chew tablet
82	Multivitamins	081499	Folamax tablet
82	Multivitamins	081499	Profola tablet
82	Multivitamins	081649	Dermacinrx Prenatrix caplet
82	Multivitamins	081649	Dermacinrx Prenatryl caplet
82	Multivitamins	081649	Dermacinrx Pretrate caplet
82	Multivitamins	081683	Dermacinrx Multitam caplet
82	Multivitamins	081683	Vitrexyl caplet
83	Folic Acid Preparations	079990	Folite tablet
94	Antifungals	072429	Jublia 10% topical solution

GSN Categories			
STC	STC Description	GSN	Label Name
94	Antifungals	007375	Oxiconazole Nitrate 1% cream

NDC-Specific Drugs			
STC	STC Description	NDC	Label Name
21	Tetracyclines	16110050101	Doxycycline Hyclate 75 mg tablet
21	Tetracyclines	51862069506	Doxycycline Hyclate 75 mg tablet
40	Opioid Analgesics	72245068310	Prolate 10-300 mg tablet
45	Anesthetic Local Topical	59088043005	Lidocort 3-0.5% cream

Resources

To prepare for the deactivation of “55555” for select drugs/products, pharmacy providers are encouraged to review the following:

- Medi-Cal Rx billing guidelines in the [Medi-Cal Rx Billing Tips](#)
- Appendix D in the [Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual](#)
- [Reminder: Establishing Medical Necessity](#)

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 MediCalRxEducationOutreach@magellanhealth.com.