



Medi-Cal Rx

# Maximum Allowable Ingredient Cost 30-Day Pharmacy Provider Notice

December 1, 2023

## What Pharmacy Providers Need to Know

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has contracted with Magellan Medicaid Administration, LLC (MMA), who contracts with Mercer Government Human Services Consulting (Mercer), part of Mercer Health and Benefits, LLC, to establish and maintain a Maximum Allowable Ingredient Cost (MAIC) program for generic pharmaceutical drugs.

**Rates will be effective January 1, 2024, and will be posted to the Mercer Medi-Cal Rx website no later than December 1, 2023.**

## What Pharmacy Providers Need to Do

- Refer to the [Mercer Medi-Cal Rx website](#) for MAIC rate lists, MAIC program information, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), and contact information.
- To request a review of a MAIC rate for a specific drug, submit a request using the [Medi-Cal Rx Maximum Allowable Ingredient Cost \(MAIC\) Price Research Request Form](#) found on the [Mercer Medi-Cal Rx website](#) and the [Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal](#).

**Note:** All required fields on the form must be completed. Providers will be contacted for supporting documentation or other information, as necessary.

The pharmacy provider self-attestation process begins March 1, 2024.  
Update your pharmacy's contact information.

Mercer will be administering the pharmacy provider self-attestation process again in 2024.

The primary method for pharmacy provider notification for the survey is via email and/or fax. It is recommended that pharmacy providers maintain accurate and consistent contact information across all organizations involved in pharmacy administration, including but not limited to, NCPDP and Medi-Cal.

Pursuant to California *Welfare and Institutions Code* (W&I Code), Section 14105.45, the professional dispensing fee is based on a pharmacy's total (Medicaid and non-Medicaid) annual prescription volume from the previous year. A non-response to the self-attestation survey will result in a lower dispensing fee for the next fiscal year. Late surveys will **not** be accepted.

## 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](mailto:MediCalRxEducationOutreach@magellanhealth.com).