



# Medical Supplies Updates: Updates to Contracted Pen Needles, Insulin Syringes, and Sterile Syringes with Needles (Non-Insulin), Effective January 1, 2024

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## What Prescribers and Pharmacy Providers Need to Know

Effective January 1, 2024, the [List of Covered Pen Needles](#) has been updated:

- The *List* has been renamed *List of Contracted Pen Needles*.
- Products deleted from the *List* have been moved to the *Deletions* tab and will no longer be reimbursable on and after April 1, 2024.
- Products have been added to the *List* and pricing per unit has been updated on the *Contracted Items* tab.

Effective January 1, 2024, coverage of sterile syringes with needles (non-insulin) is no longer restricted to products on the [List of Covered Sterile Syringes with Needles \(Non-Insulin\)](#):

- The *List* is no longer valid on and after January 1, 2024. The *List* has been decommissioned and will be removed from the Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal, effective April 1, 2024.
- Any active 11-digit Medi-Cal Rx billing code/NDC-like number meeting the description of "Syringe, sterile, with Needle (non-insulin), Gauge sizes 18-28, Needle Size 0.5 ml – 1.5 ml, and syringe size 1 ml – 10 ml" will be covered and reimbursed at the Maximum Allowable Product Cost (MAPC) of 0.2000 per each. This is an update from 0.1800 per each. Quantity and frequency restrictions apply.
- Sterile syringes with needles (non-insulin) not within the size specification are considered a medical benefit and should be billed on a medical claim via an HCPCS code on a *CMS-1500* form through the member's medical plan.
- Needles (all types except pen needles) and syringes without needles continue to remain a medical benefit and should be billed on a medical claim via an HCPCS code on a *CMS-1500* form through the member's medical plan.

Effective January 1, 2024, insulin syringes will be reimbursed at the MAPC of 0.2000 each, updated from 0.1800 each. Quantity and frequency restrictions apply.

## 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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