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1. Changes to the Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs List

The below changes have been made to the [Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs List](#) posted to the Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal, effective April 1, 2024.

Drug Name	Description	Effective Date
Bosutinib	Additional formulation (capsules) added to the Contract Drugs List (CDL) with labeler restriction.	April 1, 2024
Brinzolamide	Labeler code 00065 removed.	April 1, 2024
Brinzolamide/Brimonidine Tartrate	Labeler code 00078 removed.	April 1, 2024
Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride/ Hydrocortisone	Labeler code 00065 removed.	April 1, 2024
Copanlisib	End-dated.	April 1, 2024
Dapagliflozin Propanediol/ Metformin HCL Extended Release	Additional strength (2.5 mg/1000 mg) added to the CDL. Labeler restriction added to drug.	April 1, 2024
Edaravone	Added to the CDL with labeler restriction.	April 1, 2024
Empagliflozin	Labeler restriction added.	April 1, 2024
Fosfomycin	Added to the CDL.	April 1, 2024
Glucagon (R-DNA Origin)	Labeler code 00002 removed.	April 1, 2024
Glycopyrrolate and Formoterol Fumarate	Labeler restriction added.	April 1, 2024
Ipratropium Bromide and Albuterol Sulfate	Labeler restriction added to inhaler.	April 1, 2024
Lenvatinib	Additional strength (12 mg/day) added to the CDL with labeler restriction.	April 1, 2024
Mobocertinib	End-dated.	April 1, 2024
Perampanel	Labeler restriction added to tablets and suspension.	April 1, 2024
Tetracycline	Tablets end-dated.	April 1, 2024
Tobramycin with Dexamethasone	Labeler code 00065 removed from ophthalmic ointment.	April 1, 2024
Travoprost	Labeler code 00065 removed.	April 1, 2024

2. Changes to the Medi-Cal Rx Pharmacy Reimbursable Physician Administered Drugs

The below changes have been made to the [Medi-Cal Rx Pharmacy Reimbursable Physician Administered Drugs](#) posted to the Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal, effective April 1, 2024.

Drug Name	Description	Effective Date
Brexanolone	Added to Pharmacy Reimbursable Physician Administered Drugs with prior authorization (PA) required.	April 1, 2024
Esketamine HCL	Added to Pharmacy Reimbursable Physician Administered Drugs with PA required.	April 1, 2024

3. Changes to the Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs List – Over-the-Counter Drugs and Cough/Cold Preparations

The below changes have been made to the [Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs List – Over-the-Counter Drugs and Cough/Cold Preparations](#) posted to the Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal, effective April 1, 2024.

Drug Name	Description	Effective Date
Norgestrel	Added to the Contract Drugs List (CDL) with quantity restriction.	April 1, 2024

4. Changes to the Medi-Cal Rx Family Planning, Access, Care, and Treatment Pharmacy Formulary

The below changes have been made to the [Medi-Cal Rx Family Planning, Access, Care, and Treatment Pharmacy Formulary](#) posted to the Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal, effective April 1, 2024.

Drug Name	Description	Effective Date
Oral Contraceptives	Updated to refer to the <i>Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs List</i> and the <i>Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs List – Over-the-Counter Drugs and Cough/Cold Preparations</i> .	April 1, 2024
Norelgestromin and Ethinyl Estradiol	Labeler restriction added to transdermal patch.	April 1, 2024

5. Updates to the Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual

The updates/additions below have been made to the [Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual](#) version 17.0.

Updates

Section	Update Description	Effective Date
<i>Section 15.7.1 – Emergency Dispensing of 14-Day Supply</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Refined previous language and added language that a pharmacist shall self-certify the emergency existed in accordance with <i>California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Section 51056(c)</i>.Added language stating that emergency fills will be subject to audits and providers are required to retain documentation of the emergency circumstances for audit purposes.	April 1, 2024
<i>Section 15.14 – Compound Processing</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Added “batch file submission” and “web claim submission” as compound claims submission options.	April 1, 2024

6. Adalimumab biosimilar HADLIMA™ (adalimumab-bwwd) Added to the Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs List on March 1, 2024

Background

The purpose of this alert is to inform pharmacy providers and prescribers that HADLIMA™ (adalimumab-bwwd) injection was added to the [Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs List](#) (CDL).

What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Know

Effective March 1, 2024, HADLIMA no longer requires a prior authorization (PA) request when Code I restrictions are met.

In addition, HUMIRA® (adalimumab) is still available on the CDL and is reimbursable without a PA request subject to Code I restrictions.

Pharmacy providers and prescribers are encouraged to refer to the CDL for coverage details.

7. Maximum Allowable Ingredient Cost 30-Day Pharmacy Provider Notice

What Pharmacy Providers Need to Know

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has contracted with Prime Therapeutics State Government Solutions LLC (Prime), 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 are effective April 1, 2024, and were posted to the Mercer Medi-Cal Rx website on March 1, 2024.

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 [Forms & Information](#) page on 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.

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@primetherapeutics.com.