



Medi-Cal Rx

# Now Active – Pediatric Integration for New Start Therapies and CCS Panel Authority

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## Background

The purpose of this alert is to notify pharmacy providers and prescribers that Pediatric Integration is now active for members 21 years of age and younger as announced in the alerts titled [Update: Important Policy Adjustment for Pediatric Integration](#) and [30-Day Countdown: Pediatric Integration of Members 21 Years of Age and Younger](#).

## What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Know

Medi-Cal Rx has implemented claim utilization management (UM) edits and prior authorization (PA) requirements for members 21 years of age and younger for new start drugs/products. Continuation of therapy claims will not deny with **Reject Code 75 – Prior Authorization Required** for a period of at least 60 days but will be subject to all other claim UM edits.

Medi-Cal Rx will provide at least 30 days' notice to stakeholders prior to the reinstatement of Reject Code 75 for continuation of therapy claims.

Additionally, Medi-Cal Rx has implemented the California Children's Services (CCS) Panel Authority policy for CCS Paneled Providers who are physicians or certified nurse practitioners and enrolled in Medi-Cal. CCS Panel Authority enables CCS Paneled Providers to prescribe for members 20 years of age and younger without submitting a PA request for Medi-Cal Rx covered drugs/products, with some exceptions.

For more information on Pediatric Integration, refer to the Pediatric Integration tab located on the [Education & Outreach](#) page on the [Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal](#).

## What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Do

1. For new start pharmacy claims for members 21 years of age and younger, consider covered therapies that may not require a PA, if clinically appropriate. Refer to the following resources:
  - [Medi-Cal Rx Approved NDC List](#)
  - [Contract Drugs & Covered Products Lists](#) page on the Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal
2. If a change in therapy is not appropriate, submit a PA.

3. Pharmacy providers and prescribers should proactively submit PA requests up to 100 days in advance of a renewed or refilled prescription requiring a PA, except for Medi-Cal and CCS-eligible members younger than 1 year of age.
4. PA requests can be submitted via the following Medi-Cal Rx PA submission methods:
  - [CoverMyMeds®](#)
  - [Medi-Cal Rx Secured Provider Portal](#)
  - NCPDP P4 Transaction
  - Fax
  - U.S. Mail
5. Review PA resources by selecting the **Prior Authorization (PA)** tab on the [Forms & Information](#) page.

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