



Medi-Cal Rx

# Loading Dose Quantity Policy Updated in the Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs List

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The purpose of this alert is to inform pharmacy providers and prescribers that effective today, claims submitted to Medi-Cal Rx will deny with **Reject Code 76 – Plan Limitations Exceeded** with special messaging if either the Code I maximum quantity per day limit or the maximum days' supply limit is exceeded for the following contracted biologic agents:

- Adalimumab
- Adalimumab Biosimilars
- Dupilumab
- Etanercept
- Risankizumab-Rzaa
- Secukinumab

## What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Know

Claims submitted to Medi-Cal Rx for the biologic agents listed above with a quantity exceeding the maximum quantity per day limit and/or maximum days' supply limit will deny with Reject Code 76 with the supplemental message *"Please submit PA if FDA-approved loading/maintenance dose requires a higher quantity."*

Example scenarios for which a prior authorization (PA) request is necessary include the following:

- Claims for new starts where the loading dose or induction dose requires a quantity limit (QL) or frequency of billing greater than or more frequent than allowed by the Code I.
- Claims for a maintenance dose that requires a QL or frequency of billing greater than or more frequent than allowed by the Code I.

## What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Do

- If the member's required prescription exceeds the QLs for the contracted biologic agent and the claim denies with Reject Code 76, pharmacy providers and prescribers should submit a PA request for the applicable U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved quantity and frequency.
  - To expedite approval, the PA request must include relevant information, including diagnosis and the applicable quantity.
  - Both loading and maintenance doses may be submitted on the same PA request.

- Refer to the alert titled [Prior Authorization Submission Reminders](#) for information about submitting PA requests.
- Review the updated Code I restrictions in the [Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs List](#) (CDL) for the above listed contracted biologic agents.
- Submit claims utilizing the appropriate billing unit based on the 11-digit NDC of the product prescribed.

**Note:** This updated policy does not apply to requests for off-label use or days' supply greater than what is necessary to process a claim for loading doses or a maintenance dose specific to a diagnosis. If the member requires a greater quantity or frequency of billing for reasons other than a loading dose or maintenance dose specific to a diagnosis, submit a PA request for coverage considerations.

## 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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