



Medi-Cal Rx

Two-Week Countdown: Completion of Pediatric Integration of Members 21 Years of Age and Younger

April 11, 2025

Background

On January 31, 2025, Medi-Cal Rx initiated implementation of claim utilization management (UM) edits and prior authorization (PA) requirements for new start prescriptions for members 21 years of age and younger, known as Pediatric Integration. Refer to the alert titled [30-Day Countdown: Completion of Pediatric Integration of Members 21 Years of Age and Younger](#).

The purpose of this alert is to notify pharmacy providers and prescribers that effective April 25, 2025, Medi-Cal Rx will complete implementation of Pediatric Integration by reinstating PA requirements for continuation of therapy claims for members 21 years of age and younger. This means that all claims for new and continuing therapies will be subject to all UM edits, including PA requirements, as applicable per Medi-Cal policy.

What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Know

Effective April 25, 2025, all claims will be subject to UM edits and PA requirements for all members and for all drugs/products, including claims for continuing therapy prescriptions for pediatric members 21 years of age and younger. This will conclude Medi-Cal Rx reinstatement activities.

Reminders:

- [CoverMyMeds®](#) is the preferred and most efficient method to submit a PA request to Medi-Cal Rx. This submission method allows for real-time approval.
- Pharmacy providers and prescribers may submit PA requests up to 100 days prior to April 25, 2025, or prior to the expiration of previously approved PA requests for all members 1 year of age and older. Due to potential rapid changes in an infant's health status, PA requests for children younger than 1 year of age must be submitted with the prescription.
- The California Children's Services (CCS) Panel Authority policy covers the PA requirements when applicable. For more information, refer to the [Medi-Cal Rx Pediatric Integration – Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).
 - **Note:** Common exclusions from the CCS Panel Authority policy include continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) systems, disposable insulin delivery devices (DIDDs), and non-contracted medical supplies for all members.

What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Do

Pharmacy providers and prescribers are encouraged to take the following actions prior to the completion of Pediatric Integration implementation on April 25, 2025:

- Refer to the [Medi-Cal Rx Approved NDC List](#) and [Contract Drugs & Covered Products Lists](#) page on the [Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal](#) to consider covered therapies that may not require a PA, if clinically appropriate.
- Continue to submit proactive PA requests up to 100 days in advance of therapy refill dates or PA expiration for members 1 year of age and older. Currently approved PAs will remain active through their length of authorization.
- Attend one of Medi-Cal Rx's weekly webinars, which are hosted every Friday from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. through May 23, 2025, to obtain additional support. The link can be found on the Pediatric Integration tab located on the [Education & Outreach](#) page on the [Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal](#).
- Review the Pediatric Integration tab located on the [Education & Outreach](#) page on the [Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal](#).
- Review PA resources located on the [Forms & Information](#) page on the [Medi-Cal Rx Provider Portal](#) by selecting the **Prior Authorization (PA)** tab.
- Schedule a 1-on-1 Office Hour with the Medi-Cal Rx Education & Outreach (E&O) team for individualized support by emailing a request to MediCalRxEducationOutreach@primetherapeutics.com.

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.