



Medi-Cal Rx

30-Day Countdown: Upcoming Policy Change to Medi-Cal Rx Physician Administered Drugs

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What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Know

Effective October 17, 2025, Medi-Cal Rx is implementing the following changes for physician administered drugs (PADs):

- The [Medi-Cal Rx Pharmacy Reimbursable Physician Administered Drugs](#) list will be archived.
 - Drugs eligible for coverage via Medi-Cal Rx, including specific PADs, will be found in the [Medi-Cal Rx Approved NDC List](#) and the [Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs List](#) (CDL).
 - **Note:** Drugs identified by Medi-Cal Rx as medical benefit PADs will not be included in the *Medi-Cal Rx Approved NDC List* or the CDL.
- Medical benefit PADs will continue to deny with **Reject Code 816 – Pharmacy Drug Benefit Exclusion**, however, the supplemental message will be updated to *"Submit claim to medical benefit. This is excluded as a pharmacy benefit unless a PA exception is obtained."*
 - **Note:** Rare exceptions for Medi-Cal Rx coverage can be made on a case-by-case basis by submitting a prior authorization (PA) request if coverage via the member's medical benefit is not applicable.
- Claims submitted for medical benefit PADs that previously were covered due to continuation of therapy will deny with Reject Code 816 and require an approved PA for coverage considerations.
 - **Note:** "Continuation of therapy" claims are defined as claims that are submitted for an NDC of the same drug/product found in previous paid claims within 15 months prior to the current claim's date of service (DOS).

What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Do

- Review the [Medi-Cal Rx Approved NDC List](#) and the [Contract Drugs & Covered Products Lists](#) page on the [Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal](#) for drugs eligible for Medi-Cal Rx coverage, including specific PADs.
- If the drug is not found on the *Lists* and the claim denies with Reject Code 816, submit the claim to the member's medical benefit 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.

For other questions, email Medi-Cal Rx Education & Outreach at MediCalRxEducationOutreach@primetherapeutics.com.

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