



# Medi-Cal Rx Transition Important Update

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The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) announced a new target date for the long-planned carve-out of prescription medications provided in commercial pharmacies. Starting **January 1, 2022**, pharmacies will submit claims to Magellan, the pharmacy benefit manager for the state.

The timing of this carve-out has been delayed twice before, most recently due to the need to mitigate several conflicts of interest that resulted from a planned takeover of Magellan by Centene. DHCS posted their negotiated mitigation plan on their website.

As the date of the carve-out draws closer, and if there are no further announced delays, we will provide highlights for our prescribing network.

**Questions?** For any questions or technical issues, you may contact [RxCarveOut@DHCS.ca.gov](mailto:RxCarveOut@DHCS.ca.gov) or [MediCalRxMCPInterfaceSupport@magellanhealth.com](mailto:MediCalRxMCPInterfaceSupport@magellanhealth.com).

## Resources:

Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual:

[https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/forms-and-information/manuals/Medi-Cal\\_Rx\\_Provider\\_Manual.pdf](https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/forms-and-information/manuals/Medi-Cal_Rx_Provider_Manual.pdf)

Medi-Cal Rx Formulary Search:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/FormularyFile.aspx>

Medi-Cal Rx Transition policy:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/pharmacy/Documents/Pharmacy-Transition-Policy-Ver8.3-4-30-2021.pdf>

Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal:

<https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/home/>

Medi-Cal Rx Subscription Service:

<https://mcrxsspaces.dhcs.ca.gov/Medi-CalRxDHCSgov-Subscription-Sign-Up>

PHC Website – Medi-Cal Rx Information:

<http://www.partnershiphp.org/Providers/Medi-Cal/Pages/Medi-Cal-Rx-Transition.aspx>