Medi-Cal Rx Transition Updates

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Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal

It is important for all pharmacy providers and prescribers register on the secure Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal for the Medi-Cal Rx Transition which will begin no earlier than April 1, 2021. All providers can access the registration process via the User Administration Console (UAC) application at https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/home/. All Medi-Cal Rx providers, including pharmacies, prescribers and their staff will need to complete the registration process to access the UAC. Please note that each organization should assign an employee as the Delegated Administrator (Super User), a single point of contact to manage employee access to the secure Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal. **It is crucial for all providers and prescribers to register to be able to access important Medi-Cal Rx information.**

Medi-Cal Rx Subscription Service

The Medi-Cal Rx Subscription Service (MCRxSS) is a free service that keeps you up-to-date on the latest Medi-Cal Rx news. Subscribers receive subject-specific emails for urgent announcements and other updates shortly after they are posted to the Medi-Cal Rx website.
https://mcrxsspages.dhcs.ca.gov/Medi-CalRxDHCScagov-Subscription-Sign-Up

Prescriptions and Prior Authorizations (PAs)

Prescriptions and PAs will be processed by Medi-Cal's contractor, Magellan for review. If Magellan recommends a denial for the PA, they will refer the PA to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to make the final determination. Prescribers can submit a PA via the secure provider portal, fax, mail, or through CoverMyMeds. **Issuing prescriptions to the pharmacy, including e-prescribing via Surescript will not change.**

Medi-Cal's Formulary (Contract Drug List)

Medi-Cal's formulary is listed under Contract Drug List (CDL) Part 1-Prescription Drugs. The CDL consists of four PDFs arranged alphabetically by the drug's generic name including one PDF for Over the Counter drugs. The CDL lists drugs that are covered without a PA.

Note that the Medi-Cal Online Formulary search tool is also available to all providers to search for a drug's coverage. If the drug is not on the formulary, covered therapeutic alternatives will appear on the search as Medi-Cal does not provide coverage criteria for non-formulary drugs.

To access both Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) and DHCS information, please visit the PHC website at http://www.partnershiphp.org/Providers/Medi-Cal/Pages/Medi-Cal-Rx-Transition.aspx.

Resources:
Medi-Cal 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
Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/home/
Medi-Cal Rx Subscription Service https://mcrxsspages.dhcs.ca.gov/Medi-CalRxDHCScagov-Subscription-Sign-Up