



# Medi-Cal Rx Transition Important Update

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The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has informed all Managed Care Plans (MCPs) that the transition of pharmacy benefits (Medi-Cal Rx) will have **a delayed implementation and will start no earlier than April 1, 2021**. Until further notice, Partnership HealthPlan of California's (PHC) providers and prescribers should continue to follow PHC's current process for pharmacy services.

As a reminder, when transitioned, pharmacy services will be administered through the fee-for-service (FFS) delivery system, "Medi-Cal Rx." The state goal in transitioning pharmacy services from managed care to FFS Medi-Cal RX, is to standardize the pharmacy benefit statewide through one delivery system and a standard set of statewide utilization management protocols for all outpatient drugs.

PHC strongly encourages providers to visit the DHCS website (<https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/home>) frequently to access information about the transition and go-live updates.

**Questions?** Please contact your Provider Relations Representative.

## Resources:

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>

Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal <https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/home/>

Medi-Cal Rx Subscription Service <https://mcrxssp.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>