



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) has been delayed from the planned implementation date of April 1, 2021, because of the need to review new conflict avoidance protocols submitted by Magellan Health, the project's contracted vendor.

In January 2021, Centene Corporation announced that it planned to acquire Magellan. Centene operates – through subsidiaries – managed care plans and pharmacies that participate in Medi-Cal. DHCS has informed PHC that it requires additional time for exploration of acceptable conflict avoidance protocols to ensure that there will be acceptable firewalls between the corporate entities to protect the pharmacy claims data of all Medi-Cal beneficiaries, and to protect other proprietary information.

DHCS anticipates providing further information in May 2021. PHC will update providers when DHCS provides more information.

Questions? For any questions or technical issues, you may contact RxCarveOut@DHCS.ca.gov or 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

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://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>