



Medi-Cal Rx ePrescribing

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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 (PHC) providers and prescribers should continue to follow PHC's current process for pharmacy services. Providers are still encouraged to enroll on the Medi-Cal Rx web portal at <https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/home/>.

Medi-Cal Rx allows for **ePrescribing** via **SureScripts** for the following purposes:

- ePrescription
 - Electronic transmission of prescriptions sent directly from the provider to the pharmacy of choice.
- Electronic transmission of prescriptions between providers.
- Exchanges of medical records between providers.
 - Allows providers electronic access to beneficiary's prescription benefit and prescription history.

FirstRx is the database that houses all the required information for ePrescribing. Information from FirstRx is transmitted to SureScripts with Medi-Cal beneficiary information on a daily basis. Formulary files are also located in SureScript including if a drug requires a Treatment Authorization Request (TAR), age limits, quantity limits, etc. Medication History is only shared for active, eligible beneficiaries.

- If member is inactive or is ineligible for benefits, history will not be shared.
- History can be provided up to 365 days.
- Anything processed by Medi-Cal Rx is included in claims history.

Please note that registration for SureScripts is separate from the Medi-Cal Rx Portal.

Resources:

Medi-Cal Rx Formulary Search:

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

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>