



# Pharmacy Department UPDATES April 2020

## Filling prescriptions for blood pressure monitors..

To help patients monitor their blood pressure at home, Partnership HealthPlan of CA (PHC) covers a variety of blood pressure monitors. In fact, on the PHC Pharmacy home page (URL

<http://www.partnershiphp.org/Providers/Pharmacy/Documents/Pharmacy%20Updates/2020/Blood%20Pressure%20Kit%20Formulary%20ND%20Cs.pdf>), user can click on the “Formulary Blood Pressure Kits” link to see the list of covered items by NDC. The list is updated periodically to reflect BP monitors available on the market. We have asked prescribers to write “Blood Pressure Kit” at minimum and include digital, automatic, wrist, upper arm, and cuff size if they wanted more specificity for the patient. The prescription does not need a HTN diagnosis and will pay if billed amount is less than \$55. We will be increasing the cost limit to \$100 effective June 1, 2020. If the blood pressure monitor prescription rejects for non-formulary or paid amount exceeded, please refer to our list of covered products or submit a TAR. If prescriber writes a prescription for cuff only, please dispense the entire kit and make the necessary documentation on the prescription as MedImpact cannot process claims for cuff alone.

## PARx name change to Partnership HealthPlan PAS

Effective April 24, PHC’s electronic TAR submission system will change its name from PARx to Partnership HealthPlan PAS and a new URL <https://epa.partnershiphp.org/> will replace the [parx.partnershiphp.org](http://parx.partnershiphp.org). The functionality will remain the same but the PARx name and logo will no longer appear. Please bookmark the new URL into your system.

## Medi-Cal Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Educational Articles:

The purpose of this educational intervention component of DUR is to improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of prescribing and dispensing practices for Medi-Cal recipients. Educational interventions include ongoing dissemination of information through the Medi-Cal provider bulletin process about clinically important, drug-specific therapy problems. You can use the links below to view the Medi-Cal DUR education bulletin and previous education articles.

<https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/edarticles.asp>

[January 2020 article: Drug Safety Communications: Mental Health Side Effects of Montelukast](#)

### Previous Education Articles:

January 2020 [https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/Articles/dured\\_30362.pdf](https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/Articles/dured_30362.pdf)

December 2019 [https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/Articles/dured\\_30152.p](https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/Articles/dured_30152.p)

### Important Links:

PHC Formulary Search Tool: <https://client.formularynavigator.com/Search.aspx?siteTestID=1196>

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