



## Pharmacy Department

# UPDATES

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### **Covid-19-Ensuring patients have the medications they need..**

Pharmacy professionals are among the front line healthcare workers who are dedicated to serve our patients and communities during the Covid-19 pandemic. Your commitment and service are vital to help ensure all patients receive their medications and the care they need to treat their conditions and stay healthy. To support our pharmacies and minimize disruption to medication access, we will be approving TAR requests for early refills and allow 90 day dispensing for non-control medications. Pharmacies can contact MedImpact or submit a TAR to PHC Pharmacy Department for early refill and 90-day dispensing requests. Per B&P code 4064.5, pharmacy may dispense up to a 90 day-supply other than a controlled substance for a prescription that specifies a quantity less than 90-day supply provided the patient has completed an initial 30-day supply and the total quantity of dosage units dispensed does not exceed the total quantity issued on the prescription.

PHC also covers mail order prescription services. Please talk to your patients about the options for mail order deliveries for appropriate prescription medications.

We thank you for all you do for your patients and the community!

### **Medi-Cal Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Educational Articles: 12/2019 Improving the Quality of Care: Risks Associated with Use of Gabapentin**

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>

#### **Previous Education Articles:**

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

**October 2019:**     [https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/Articles/dured\\_30014.pdf](https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/Articles/dured_30014.pdf)

**September 2019:**     [https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/Articles/dured\\_28160.pdf](https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/Articles/dured_28160.pdf)

**August 2019:**     [https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/Articles/dured\\_28115.01.pdf](https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/Articles/dured_28115.01.pdf)

#### **Important Links:**

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

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