



# Pharmacy Department UPDATES October 2020

## Medi-Cal Rx-Pharmacy Carve-Out to FFS

Effective January 1, 2021, the pharmacy benefit for PHC members will be carved out to Medi-Cal FFS. Medi-Cal FFS has contracted with Magellan Medicaid Administration Inc. to process pharmacy claims and provide administrative services to support pharmacies, prescribers, and patients with the new pharmacy benefit. Starting January 1, 2021, pharmacies will need to submit all PHC members' pharmacy claims to Magellan using BIN 022659 and PCN 6334225. For member ID, pharmacies can use either the 14 character beneficiary identification number on the BIC or the 9-character Client Index Number (CIN) on the PHC id card.

## Medi-Cal Rx Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) submission

Starting January 1, 2021, all TARs must be submitted to Magellan for review and processing. Magellan will provide a confirmation and/or notice of approval, deferral, modification, and/or referral to second level-review within 24 hours. Medi-Cal FFS /Magellan will allow TARs to be submitted by mail, fax, NCPDP P4 Transaction, Magellan Pharmacy PA Portal, and CoverMyMeds.

## 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/Articles/dured\\_30685.pdf](https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/Articles/dured_30685.pdf)

[September 2020 article: 2020 Immunization Updates: Vaccination during COVID-19, Flu, HepA, and Tdap](#)

### Previous Education Articles:

August 2020 [https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/Articles/dured\\_30632.pdf](https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/Articles/dured_30632.pdf)

May 2020 [https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/Articles/dured\\_30489.pdf](https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/Articles/dured_30489.pdf)

### Important Links:

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

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