

Pharmacy services transitioning to Medi-Cal/Magellan Rx

On January 7, 2019, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-01-19, ordering the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to take necessary steps to transition all pharmacy services for Medi-Cal Managed Care (Medi-Cal) to the Medi-Cal/Magellan Rx benefit by January 2022. As a result, on October 6, 2020, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) released *All Plan Letter (APL) 20-20, Medi-Cal Pharmacy Benefit Carve Out*. The transition applies to all managed care plans. The Medi-Cal pharmacy benefits and services administered by the DHCS in the fee-for-service delivery system is identified collectively as **Medi-Cal Rx**.

Beginning **January 1, 2022**, the following services will be carved out of Medi-Cal and transitioned to Medi-Cal Rx:

- Covered outpatient drugs, including physician administered drugs (PADs)
- Diabetic supplies (insulin syringes and pen needles, lancets, diabetic test strips, specific glucometers, control solutions, and lancing devices)
- Inhaler spacers
- Enteral nutritional products
- Home infusion medications
- Therapeutic continuous glucose monitoring (CGM)

Providers directly contracted with Anthem Blue Cross (Anthem) should continue to contact Anthem's Utilization Management (UM) team for approvals of services outside of those listed above.

Please submit authorization, via the normal UM process, using the following intake form:
https://providers.anthem.com/docs/gpp/california-provider/CA_MCMCA_RequestPreserviceReview.pdf.

If you have questions pertaining to Medi-Cal Rx, please contact the Medi-Cal Rx Customer Service Center at **800-977-2273** available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, or connect with their Education and Outreach team at MediCalRxEducationOutreach@magellanhealth.com.

If you have any other questions, reach out to your assigned Provider Experience representative.



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