



## Pharmacy Department

# UPDATES

September 2021

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

Medi-Cal has announced the new go-live date for the pharmacy carve-out to Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service, also known as Medi-Cal Rx, will be January 1, 2022. Under Medi-Cal Rx, all pharmacy services including but not limited to claim processing, TARs, and customer service will be handled by Medi-Cal's contractor, Magellan Medicaid Administration, Inc. Medi-Cal beneficiaries will start receiving notices from Medi-Cal beginning November. For more information, please refer to the Medi-Cal Rx website at <https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/home/education/> and the Medi-Cal Rx FAQ at <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/pharmacy/Pages/Medi-CalRX.aspx>

## SUPPORT Act-Opioid-Naïve 7 day limit

Partnership HealthPlan of California. (PHC) implements an Opioid-Naïve 7 day limit safety edit pursuant to the SUPPORT Act minimum standards. For PHC members who did not have an opioid prescription filled in the past 90 days, a safety edit will cause the claim to deny for exceeding a 7 day supply. Pharmacist can override the Opioid-Naïve 7 day limit by entering the appropriate PPS edit: Reason for Service Code: MX; Professional Service Code: M0, MR, R0; Result of Service: 4B, 4C, 4D, and 4J. If you have question regarding the **Opioid Naïve Day Supply Limitation**, please contact the MedImpact Help Desk 800-788-2949 or Partnership HealthPlan of California at (800) 863-4155.

## 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.aspx>

**[August 2021 article: Drug Safety communication: FDA Requests Removal of Pregnancy Contraindication for Statins](#)**

## Previous Education Articles:

March 2021

Clinical Review: Recommendation for the Tapering of Benzodiazepines

January 2021

Clinical Review: Recommendation for the Management of Acute Dental Pain

## Important Links:

PHC Formulary Search Tool:

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

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