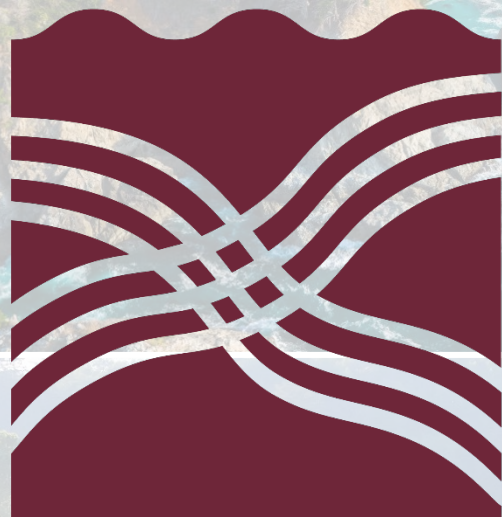


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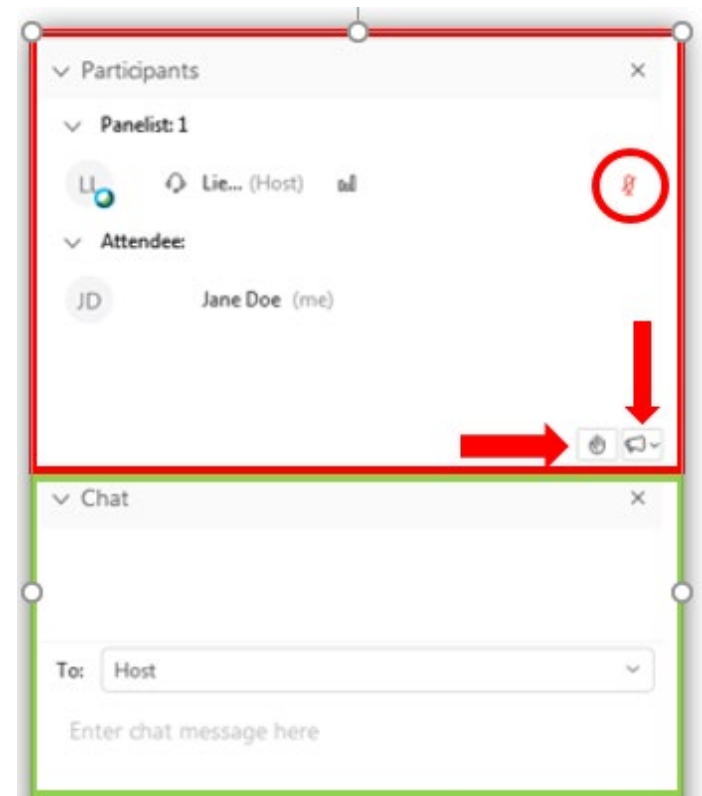


Medi-Cal Rx Pharmacy Carve-Out

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Housekeeping

- This webinar will be recorded and posted on our website.
- Slides will be emailed to all participants after the presentation.
- All participants have been muted to eliminate any possible noise interference/distraction.
- If you have a question or would like to share your comments during the webinar, **please type your question in the “Chat” box located in the Participants box.**



Medi-Cal Rx DHCS

Medi-Cal Rx start date: **January 1, 2022**

November 2020: DHCS announced delay for Medi-Cal Rx go-live due to COVID-19 surge. New effective date scheduled for April 1, 2021

February 2021: DHCS announced delay for Medi-Cal Rx due to conflict of interest concerns with Centene's acquisition of Magellan (*Medi-Cal's contracted pharmacy administrator*).

August 2021:



The screenshot shows the DHCS website homepage. At the top is a dark blue navigation bar with the CA.GOV logo, social media icons, and links for Home, About DHCS, and Translate. Below this is a white section with the DHCS logo and a row of icons for Services, Individuals, Providers & Partners, Laws & Regulations, Data & Statistics, Forms & Publications, and Search. A purple banner at the bottom contains the text: "DHCS has completed its review of the Conflict Avoidance Plan (CAP) submitted by Magellan Medicaid Administration (MMA) and announced a January 1, 2022 implementation date."

Medi-Cal Rx DHCS

According to DHCS, transitioning pharmacy services to FFS will:

- Standardize Medi-Cal pharmacy benefit statewide under one delivery system
- Improve access to pharmacy services
- Apply statewide utilization management protocols to all outpatient drugs
- Strengthen CA's ability to negotiate state supplemental drug rebates with pharmaceutical manufacturers.

Medi-Cal Rx

Medi-Cal Rx is the administration of Medi-Cal pharmacy benefits through the Fee-for-Service (FFS) delivery system.

Medi-Cal Rx implements on January 1, 2022.



Outpatient Drugs



Pharmacy
Reimbursable
Physician-
Administered
Drugs (PADs) *



Specific Medical
Supplies *



Enteral Nutrition
Products

* For more detailed information about covered products please refer to the Medi-Cal Rx [Contract Drugs List \(CDL\)](#) and [Provider Manual](#)

Pharmacies and Medical Providers

- **Magellan Medicaid Administration Inc.**

- Pharmacy claim processing
- Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) review
- Customer service

- **Formulary-Contract Drug List (CDL)**

- [Downloadable CDL](#)
- [Online Drug Search Tool](#)

- **TAR submission**

- Secure Provider Portal
- CoverMyMeds
- FAX
- Mail
- NCPDP



DHCS and Magellan Operation Readiness

DHCS Medi-Cal Rx Resources and Reference Materials

- Medi-Cal Rx FAQs
- Medi-Cal Rx Prior Authorization/Utilization Management and Related Appeals Processes
- Medi-Cal Rx Complaints and Grievances



Resources and Reference Materials

Medi-Cal Rx Covers...

- Outpatient drugs
 - Prescription and over the counter including injectable and infusion medications
- Enteral nutrition products
- Medical supplies and equipment
 - Spacer/peak flow meters
 - Standard blood glucose meter, strips, control solutions, and lancets
 - Blood pressure monitors
 - Therapeutic continuous glucose monitoring systems
 - Omnipod insulin delivery system



In-office Injectable Drug Services and Infusions

- Injectable drugs or infusions administered in the hospital outpatient setting:
 - **Given by the medical doctor**, should continue to be billed as a medical benefit to PHC.
 - **Ordered from the pharmacy**, should be billed to Medi-Cal Rx.
- Medications that are billed directly to PHC will continue to have the same process for claim submission and Treatment Authorization Requests (TAR). Payment does not change with the Medi-Cal Rx carve out.

Medi-Cal Rx Does Not Cover...

- Medical Supplies
 - 70% isopropyl alcohol, povidone-iodine, betadine, gloves, ostomy, wound care, infusion tubing and pumps.
- Medical Equipment
 - Humidifiers and nebulizers



As a result of Medi-Cal Rx policy on medical equipment coverage, PHC has added common pharmacy dispensed equipment to the PHC Medical Equipment Distribution Services (PMEDS) program to support access to these items after Medi-Cal Rx. For questions, please email request@partnershiphp.org

Pharmacy Network and Medi-Cal Formulary

- Pharmacy Network
 - 94% of the state's pharmacies (Costco pharmacies are not part of Medi-Cal Rx)
- Access to prescribed drugs and products
 - PHC and Medi-Cal Rx formulary comparison: <7% of top 250 drugs will require TAR with Medi-Cal Rx
 - Medi-Cal Rx Transition Policy- Members with existing prescriptions from PHC

Find a Pharmacy

Pharmacy Results Information

Or
Distance
5 miles

Drug Category	Rank	Total Claims	FFS coverage	Indication
VITAMIN D3	4	80,423	n	vitamin/mineral
VITAMIN D2	52	16,928	n	vitamin/mineral
MAGNESIUM OXIDE	89	10,341	n	vitamin/mineral
STEGLATRO	113	8,365	n	diabetes
KETOTIFEN FUMARATE	115	8,287	n	eye allergy
CHLORHEXIDINE GLUCONATE	134	6,075	n	dental
FEXOFENADINE HCL	136	6,006	n	allergy
CLOBETASOL PROPIONATE	156	4,810	n	skin
BENZOYL PEROXIDE	164	4,512	gel only	acne
CALCIUM 600-VIT D3	166	4,438	n	vitamin/mineral
Wixela INHUB	171	4,320	n	COPD
MINOCYCLINE HCL	179	3,933	n	antibiotic
BISACODYL	193	3,533	Supp only	laxative
ENTRESTO	205	3,285	n	heart failure
ANORO ELLIPTA	237	2,652	n	COPD
ALPRAZOLAM	248	2,470	n	anxiety

Transition Policy

“DHCS proposes to implement a multi-faceted pharmacy transition policy to help support this transition. During the transition period, Magellan will provide system messaging, reporting, and outreach to provide for a smooth transition to Medi-Cal Rx.”

Existing prescriptions without a previously approved TAR and not covered by FFS:

- DHCS/Magellan will use PHC pharmacy paid claims data to “look back” and allow the claim to pay during the 180 day grace period.
- Upon submission of the pharmacy claim during the 180 day grace period and thereafter, Magellan will ensure pharmacies and prescribers receive messages reminding them that an approved PA will be required

Transition Policy

Part 2

Existing prescription with previously approved TAR and not covered by FFS:

- DHCS/Magellan will use the approved TAR and pharmacy claim history to “grandfather” those prescriptions to allow continuation of the TAR through its stated duration but not to exceed one full year from the TAR’s approval date.
- Certain drug classes/categories for chronic conditions may be “grandfathered” through its stated duration but not to exceed 5 years.
- 180 day grace period applies if the TAR’s stated duration is prior to July 1, 2022

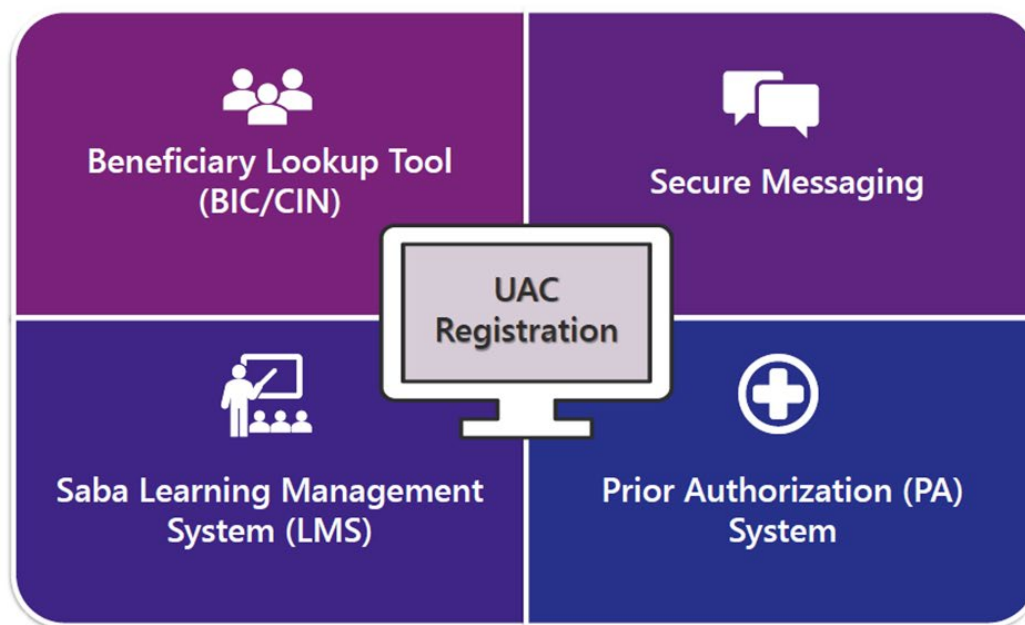
New prescriptions requiring TAR for FFS:

- Prescriber will need to submit TAR

Magellan Provider Portal



Benefits of the Secured Provider Portal



Provider Portal: <https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/provider/>

Magellan Provider Portal

Secure Provider Portal

Provider Portal – How to Register via UAC

- 1 Request PIN** Visit the User Administration Console ([UAC](#)) and click "**Register**".
- 2 Receive PIN** Personal Identification Number (PIN) will be sent by USPS.
 - Alt Address
- 3 Register with PIN** Return to [UAC](#) and click "**Complete Registration**".
- 4 Validate your Account** Click activation link in the email.
- 5 Add Users and User Roles** Within UAC, add your organizations' users and assign their roles.

Magellan Provider Portal

Registration Support

Office Hours

- Pharmacy Service Representatives (PSRs) are available for walkthrough registration.
- Set up a meeting by sending a request to:
medicalrxeducationoutreach@magellanhealth.com

YouTube Tutorials

- Found on the [Education & Outreach Website](#)
- Provides easy-to-follow guides to help you with registration

Medi-Cal Rx PHC

How is PHC supporting the Medi-Cal RX transition?

- Provider communication/education: PHC provider, webinars, newsletter, pharmacy communications
- Monitoring pharmacy utilization and prior authorization to assist members with access to their medications.
- Pharmacy call center to answer member and provider calls on Medi-Cal Rx questions and issues.
- Support HEDIS and MCAS performance improvement to optimize clinical outcomes



Magellan Provider Portal



Need Additional Help or Want to Learn More?



Pharmacy Service Reps

MediCalRxEducationOutreach@MagellanHealth.com



Customer Service Center

1-800-977-2273



Medi-Cal Enrollment:
PAVE

1-866-252-1949



Live Chat & Messaging

For assistance, visit the [Contact Us](#) page



Readiness Survey

Take the [Medi-Cal Rx Readiness Survey](#)



Medi-Cal Rx Subscription
Service (MCRxSS)

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Resources



Resource Links



Medi-Cal Website

<https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/home/>



Medi-Cal Rx Education
& Outreach

<https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/home/education>



Provider Manual

https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/forms-and-information/manuals/Medi-Cal_Rx_Provider_Manual.pdf



FAQs

<https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/home/faq>



Medi-Cal Rx
Communications

<https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/provider/pharmacy-news/>

Questions

