December 1, 2021



RE: Pharmacy Update – Registration Reminder Medi-Cal Rx – Pharmacy Benefit Carve Out

Dear Medi-Cal Provider,

On January 7, 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-01-19 (EO-N-01-19) for achieving cost-savings for drug purchases made by the state. A key component of EO N-01-19 requires the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) transition all Medi-Cal pharmacy services from Managed Care (MC) to Fee-for-Service (FFS) by January 1, 2022.

The Medi-Cal pharmacy benefits and services administered by DHCS in the FFS delivery system will be identified collectively as "Medi-Cal Rx."

## **REMINDERS**

- All Medi-Cal Rx providers, including pharmacies, prescribers, and their staff, will need to complete registration to access the secure section of the Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal via the User Administration Console (UAC) application at https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/provider/.
  - The secure section of the Medi-Cal Rx Portal will be the place to go starting on January 1, 2022 to:
    - Access the Prior Authorization system
    - Chat and messaging features
    - Beneficiary drug look-up tool
    - Web and batch claims submissions
- The Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal and Training Registration document is also available here.

This will only impact the Medi-Cal members under L.A. Care Health Plan. All other L.A. Care members (L.A. Care Covered, PASC, or L.A. Care Cal MediConnect) are <u>not impacted</u> by this change.

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Sincerely,

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