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| ***The Medical Board of California is contacting you on behalf of The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), please see the message below:*****Medi-Cal Rx begins January 1, 2022, are you ready?**As of January 1, 2022, the Medi-Cal pharmacy benefit will transition from the current Medi-Cal managed care delivery system to Fee-For-Service under Medi-Cal Rx. All benefits that are billed on a pharmacy claim will be transitioned to Medi-Cal Rx and all pharmacy Prior Authorizations will be reviewed by Medi-Cal Rx starting on January 1, 2022. This transition is a critical step for the success of the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiatives proposed by the California Department of Health Care Services. Medi-Cal Rx will:* Standardize the Medi-Cal pharmacy benefit under one statewide delivery system. This means that no matter what county a person lives in, the same access to their prescriptions is possible.
* Improve access to pharmacy services.
* Centralize pharmacy policy, transactions, and reimbursements, leading to greater efficiency for pharmacies, prescribers, and the Medi-Cal program.

To prepare for Medi-Cal Rx, please visit the [Medi-Cal Rx Education & Outreach](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/home/education/__;!!D2q0VO-jSYZd!Lm68n0-YtiN4VB9jOp6ffEYjJfzLoMycmVRH3Z-TYrNwtd5srCYh4iIHKdIlMmt07g$) page on the [Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/home/__;!!D2q0VO-jSYZd!Lm68n0-YtiN4VB9jOp6ffEYjJfzLoMycmVRH3Z-TYrNwtd5srCYh4iIHKdKYyZjeSw$) to take advantage of training opportunities and informative materials. The [Medi-Cal Rx YouTube Channel](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/www.youtube.com/channel/UCaCF_Fxb-UpEaIi5Oj1tegQ__;!!D2q0VO-jSYZd!Lm68n0-YtiN4VB9jOp6ffEYjJfzLoMycmVRH3Z-TYrNwtd5srCYh4iIHKdKbUN3cjw$) also offers training videos, including one on the transition and the resources that directly impact Medi-Cal pharmacy providers and prescribers. Also offered are live, instructor-led trainings, or [Office Hour Luncheon Session](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/magellanhealth.zoom.us/j/94964434351?pwd=c1I4cC9oTUNod2tkYm5RRmJmeklUQT09&from=addon*success__;Iw!!D2q0VO-jSYZd!Lm68n0-YtiN4VB9jOp6ffEYjJfzLoMycmVRH3Z-TYrNwtd5srCYh4iIHKdIYVHdX8A$) available Monday-Friday, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. PST (excluding holidays). **Please note: If you are a prescriber and use CoverMyMeds® or the fax system to submit Prior Authorizations today, there is no change for you as of January 1. In addition, if your EHR is compatible and configured with CoverMyMeds®, you will continue to do business as usual.** Medi-Cal Rx is designed to improve your experience with Medi-Cal and includes, among other things, a uniform and searchable Contract Drug List, as well as a 24-hour a day, 365 days a year customer service center, available to assist prescribers, pharmacy providers, beneficiaries, managed care plans and others. Please visit the [Medi-Cal Rx Provider Portal Forms & Information page](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/provider/forms/__;!!D2q0VO-jSYZd!Lm68n0-YtiN4VB9jOp6ffEYjJfzLoMycmVRH3Z-TYrNwtd5srCYh4iIHKdJX88BATw$) to find these available resources: * [PA Job Aid](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/forms-and-information/Medi-Cal_Rx_Prior_Authorization_Job_Aid.pdf__;!!D2q0VO-jSYZd!Lm68n0-YtiN4VB9jOp6ffEYjJfzLoMycmVRH3Z-TYrNwtd5srCYh4iIHKdLNCmcgEQ$)
* [Billing Tips](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/forms-and-information/Medi-Cal_Rx_Billing_Tips_for_Claims_on_or_after_April_1_2021.pdf__;!!D2q0VO-jSYZd!Lm68n0-YtiN4VB9jOp6ffEYjJfzLoMycmVRH3Z-TYrNwtd5srCYh4iIHKdIypRhAiQ$) & [Payer Sheets](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/forms-and-information/FI_Medi-Cal_Rx_Payer_Specifications.pdf__;!!D2q0VO-jSYZd!Lm68n0-YtiN4VB9jOp6ffEYjJfzLoMycmVRH3Z-TYrNwtd5srCYh4iIHKdIYSFaQ2g$)
* [Searchable Contracts Drugs List (CDL)](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/forms-and-information/cdl/Medi-Cal_Rx_Contract_Drugs_List_FINAL.pdf__;!!D2q0VO-jSYZd!Lm68n0-YtiN4VB9jOp6ffEYjJfzLoMycmVRH3Z-TYrNwtd5srCYh4iIHKdIcQLQldA$)
* [Provider Manual](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/forms-and-information/manuals/Medi-Cal_Rx_Provider_Manual.pdf__;!!D2q0VO-jSYZd!Lm68n0-YtiN4VB9jOp6ffEYjJfzLoMycmVRH3Z-TYrNwtd5srCYh4iIHKdLmk3atVA$)

Be sure to subscribe to the [Medi-Cal Rx Subscription Service (MCRxSS)](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/mcrxsspages.dhcs.ca.gov/Medi-CalRxDHCScagov-Subscription-Sign-Up__;!!D2q0VO-jSYZd!Lm68n0-YtiN4VB9jOp6ffEYjJfzLoMycmVRH3Z-TYrNwtd5srCYh4iIHKdKZWVOC6g$) to stay up to date with the latest Medi-Cal Rx news. For questions, please contact the Medi-Cal Rx Customer Service Center at 1-800-977-2273, available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year or via email at MediCalRxEducationOutreach@magellanhealth.com. |

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