

## PROVIDER UPDATE

11/03/2021

**PROVIDER TYPE:**  Primary Care Providers  Specialty Care Providers  
**LINE OF BUSINESS:**  MemorialCare Select  Plan to Plan

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**Subject: Transition of Medi-Cal Pharmacy Benefits to a New Program, Medi-Cal Rx**

Dear Physician and Staff,

After a number of delays, Effective January 1, 2022, Medi-Cal pharmacy benefits will be transitioned from MemorialCare Select Health Plan to a state-run program called “Medi-Cal Rx.” Specifically, this includes self-injectable and some physician administered medications that are currently the responsibility of MC Select Health Plan. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will administer the new Medi-Cal Rx program through their contracted vendor Magellan Rx. The MemorialCare Select Medi-Cal managed care plans impacted are Anthem Blue Cross, Health Net, and LA Care.

***What is covered in the new Medi-Cal Rx?***

- There is no change in the covered benefits
- It will include all pharmacy services billed as pharmacy claims
- Outpatient drugs (prescription and over-the counter), this includes **self-injectables**
- Enteral nutrition products
- Contraceptives
- Some medical supplies

***What is different in the process of obtaining self-injectable medications?***

- YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER IN ORDER TO PRESCRIBE THROUGH MEDI-CAL RX. DON'T WAIT; THE PROCESS TAKES TIME AS THE DHCS HAS TO SEND YOU A LETTER VIA MAIL CONTAINING YOUR UNIQUE PRESCRIBING PIN.
- **Providers will no longer be submitting referrals to MC Select Health Plan for review first but rather through the Magellan Medi-Cal Rx portal. Hence, the urgency to initiate the registration process well in advance of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.**
- Providers should request self-injectable medications as usual by providing prescriptions of the medications and have the patients go to Homecare Pharmacy or any Medi-Cal participating pharmacy for dispensing.
- The pharmacy will now adjudicate the prescribed medication claims to Magellan Rx ***instead*** of MC Select Health Plan.

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- If approved, the pharmacy will dispense the medications to the patients.

For more information about the transition to Medi-Cal Rx, and to register in order to prescribe through Medi-Cal Rx, visit:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/pharmacy/Pages/Medi-CalRX.aspx>.

For general questions related to Medi-Cal Rx, please send an email to **RxCarveOut@dhcs.ca.gov**.

MemorialCare Select Health Plan is committed to supporting our providers through this pharmacy benefit transition. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at [mkroeger@memorialcare.org](mailto:mkroeger@memorialcare.org) or at (562)933-1716.

Sincerely,



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