

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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Medi-Cal RX Update NDCs Required for Medication Referrals

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform all providers that effective January 1, 2022 certain services for Medi-Cal members are carved out of the Medi-Cal program and included in the Medi-Cal RX Program. Effective immediately NDCs are required on all medication referral requests to determine whether they are self injectables covered under Medi-Cal RX or physician administered drugs (PAD) covered under managed care.

Services covered under Medi-Cal Rx may be found in the searchable formulary <https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/provider/drug-lookup>

There is no change to financial responsibility for Physician Administered Drugs (PADs), the Medi-Cal RX Billing Policy for Physician Administered Drugs (PADs) can be found at: https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/newsroom/newsroom_31665.aspx

Referrals for all medications require NDC Code:

- National Drug Code - Drugs are identified and reported using a unique number called the National Drug Code (NDC) which serves as the FDA's identifier for drugs.
- FDA publishes the listed NDC numbers in the [NDC Directory](#) which is updated daily. The searchable directory is available online (<https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/ndc/index.cfm>)
- Medication referrals must include the requested NDC code
- Medication Referrals received without the NDC code will be returned for correction

Payment to providers for Medi-Cal RX Effective 01/01/2022

- With the implementation of Medi-Cal RX, certain services carved out by the state are no longer Preferred IPA financial responsibility for any Medi-Cal health plan beginning in January 2022.
- Claims for Medi-Cal RX services for dates of service on or after 01/01/2022 will be denied as "not IPA financial responsibility".
- At this time there is no process for individual providers to be reimbursed through Medi-Cal RX, members must receive these services from Medi-Cal RX contracted pharmacies.

If you have questions, contact Provider Relations at x562.