



To: All Medi-Cal PCPs and Specialists
From: IEHP – Provider Relations
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Subject: **Medi-Cal Rx UPDATE: Revised Prior Auth Policy for Prescribers and Emergency Fill Quantity Limit**

Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) would like to share that DHCS has revised two important policies regarding Medi-Cal Rx.

1. Revised Prior Auth (PA) Policy for Prescribers

Reject Code 75 Edit - Effective immediately, the **PA requirement will temporarily be removed for some drugs, except for the following:**

1. Psychostimulants – Antidepressants
2. Opioid Analgesics
3. Ataractics – Tranquillizers (including antipsychotics and benzodiazepines)
4. Certain excluded products and for children under the age of 21

PAs may still be required for other reject codes such as quantity limits and Reject Code 76. The existing Price Override Policy remains in place.

2. Revised Emergency Fill Quantity Limit and Frequency Policy

Effective immediately, electronically billed emergency drug dispensing claims will be limited to **up to fourteen (14) days' supply and a limit of two (2) fills in a 30-day period for the same drug and dose**. Note: Unbreakable packages such as inhalers, vials, oral contraceptives, etc. will continue to be paid for the full package size even when the days' supply exceeds 14 days.

CoverMyMeds® (CMM) is the preferred platform to submit PAs for Medi-Cal Rx. CMM interacts in real time, utilizing a clinical decision module that allows for real-time approvals. CMM allows prescribers to submit, add information to, or inquire about a PA. Prescribers should utilize CMM to determine if a PA is needed during this temporary phase.

For Medi-Cal Rx updates, visit: <https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/provider/pharmacy-news/>

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