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Inland Empire Health Plan

# PHARMACY TIMES

BY IEHP PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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## Reminder: Medi-Cal Rx Gradual Reinstatement of PAs – Phase 1

Dear IEHP Pharmacy Provider,

September 16, 2022 is the Medi-Cal Rx implementation date for the Phase I, Wave III reinstatement of prior authorization (PA) requirements. The 11 Standard Therapeutic Classes (STCs) impacted are provided in the alert.

**DHCS insists: Do not submit PA requests prior to September 16, 2022 for a medication in one of the 11 STCs that will require a PA.** PA requests submitted prior to September 16, 2022 will be returned with a message that no PA is required. Please see attached DHCS communication as your reference.

**Please remember to continue processing the pharmacy claims under Medi-Cal Rx (Magellan).** Also upon reinstatement of PA requirement, please send the Prior Authorization to Medi-Cal Rx (Magellan).

Please note that this update applies to IEHP Medi-Cal Members only (and does not apply to IEHP DualChoice Cal MediConnect pharmacy claims).

If you have any questions on this update or other DHCS communications, please:

- Visit the Medi-Cal Rx Bulletins & News site at <https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/provider/pharmacy-news/> or
- Contact Medi-Cal Rx Customer Service Center (CSC) at 1-800-977-2273, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.
- You can also submit questions via email to Medi-Cal Rx Education & Outreach at [MediCalRxEducationOutreach@magellanhealth.com](mailto:MediCalRxEducationOutreach@magellanhealth.com).

Sincerely,

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# Phase I, Wave III Prior Authorization Submission

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On August 16, 2022, Medi-Cal Rx published an alert titled "[30-Day Countdown – Reinstatement of Prior Authorization Requirements for 11 Drug Classes](#)" to remind providers of the September 16, 2022 implementation date for the Phase I, Wave III reinstatement of prior authorization (PA) requirements. The 11 Standard Therapeutic Classes (STCs) impacted are provided in the alert.

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## Reinstatement Resources

For further information on the [Reinstatement Plan](#), please visit the Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS) [Medi-Cal Rx Transition](#) page.

Additional resources about Phase I, Wave III include:

- [Prior Authorization Reinstatement Reference Guide](#)
- [Medi-Cal Rx Phase I, Wave III – Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)
- [Update: Implementation of Phase I, Wave III – Reinstatement of Prior Authorizations for 11 Drug Classes](#)

## Contact Information

You can call the Medi-Cal Rx Customer Service Center (CSC) at 1-800-977-2273, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year.

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