

To: All Medi-Cal PCPs & Specialists
From: IEHP – Pharmacy
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Subject: **Phase II Wave I: Medi-Cal Rx Prior Authorization Submission
 January 20, 2023**

On January 20, 2023, Medi-Cal Rx is implementing Phase II Wave I of the reinstatement of prior authorization (PA) requirements for **39 Drug Classes for new start medications for beneficiaries 22 years of age and older.**

- New start prescriptions for beneficiaries 21 years of age and younger within these 39 drug classes will not be subject to PA reinstatement.

DHCS insists: Do not submit Medi-Cal Rx PA requests prior to January 20, 2023 for a medication in one of the 39 Standard Therapeutic Classes (STCs) that will require a PA. PA requests submitted prior to January 20, 2023 will be returned with a message that no PA is required.

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

Phase II, Wave I Drug Classes		
All Other Dermatologicals	Corticotropins	Other Antibiotics
Anabolics	Emollients Protectives	Other Hormones
Androgens	Erythromycins	Penicillins
Anesthetic Local Topical	Estrogens	Progesterone
Antiarthritics	Fat Soluble Vitamins	Streptomycins
Antifungals	Folic Acid Preparations	Sulfonamides
Antimalarials	General Antibacterials and Antiseptics	Systematic Contraceptives
Antiparasitics	Glucocorticoids	TB Preparations
Antiparkinson	Iodine Therapy	Tetracyclines
Anti-Ulcer Preps/Gastrointestinal Preps	Multivitamins	Thyroid Preps
Antivirals	Muscle Relaxants	Topical Nasal and Otic Preparations
Biologicals	Non-Opioid Analgesics	Urinary Antibacterials
Cephalosporins	Ophthalmic Preparations	Vitamin K

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

- Visit the Medi-Cal Rx Bulletins & News site at [30-Day Countdown – Reinstatement of Prior Authorization Requirements for 39 Drug Classes \(ca.gov\)](#) 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