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To: All Medi-Cal PCPs and Specialists
From: IEHP – Provider Relations & Pharmacy
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Subject: Phase III – Lift 3 - Medi-Cal Rx Transition Policy Change

Medi-Cal Rx will initiate the third of a series of transition policy lifts, for Members 22 years of age and older, beginning May 19, 2023.

On May 19, 2023, Phase III, Lift 3 (P3/L3) will be implemented, lifting the Transition Policy for 22 Standard Therapeutic Classes (STCs). This is the third in a series of lifts to retire or phase out the grandfathering of historical prior authorizations (PAs) and claims by lifting the override of NCPDP Reject Code 75 – Prior Authorization Required.

The following 22 STCs will be impacted with implementation of P3/L3 on May 19, 2023:

Phase III, Lift 3 (P3/L3) Drug Classes		
Anti-Ulcer Preps/ Gastrointestinal Preps (STC 01)	Other Antibiotics (STC 27)	Antiarthritics (STC 42)
Muscle Relaxants (STC 08)	Urinary Antibacterials (STC 28)	Fat Soluble Vitamins (STC 80)
Tetracyclines (STC 21)	Antiparasitics (STC 31)	Multivitamins (STC 82)
Penicillins (STC 22)	Antimalarials (STC 32)	Folic Acid Preparations (STC 83)
Streptomycins (STC 23)	Antivirals (STC 33)	Vitamin K (STC 85)
Sulfonamides (STC 24)	TB Preparations (STC 34)	Antifungals (STC 94)
Erythromycins (STC 25)	General Antibacterials and Antiseptics (STC 38)	
Cephalosporins (STC 26)	Non-Opioid Analgesics (STC 41)	

* STC refers to the Standard Therapeutic Classification number

If a Member is currently on a medication listed on the chart above, Providers can prepare for the retirement of the Transition Policy in the following ways:

- **Consider covered therapies that may not require a prior authorization (PA)**
 - [Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs Lists & Covered Products Lists](#)
 - [Medi-Cal Rx Approved NDC List](#)
 - Prescribers: Refer to your ePrescribing application

- **If a change in therapy is not appropriate, submit a PA via one of the Medi-Cal Rx Submission Methods below:**
 - [CoverMyMeds](#)
 - [Medi-Cal Rx Secured Provider Portal](#)
 - NCPDP P4 Transaction
 - Fax
 - U.S. Mail

To access all Medi-Cal Rx communications:

- Visit: <https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/home/education> or
 - [Medi-Calrx.dhcs.ca.gov](https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov) > Education & Outreach > Medi-Cal Rx Reinstatement
- Contact the Medi-Cal Rx Customer Service Center at (800) 977-2273
- Email Medi-Cal Rx Education & Outreach at MediCalRxEducationOutreach@magellanhealth.com

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