



Medi-Cal Rx Reinstatement Phases II-III



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Phased Reinstatement



Reinstatement Road Map

**Phase II, Wave 1 (P2/W1)
& Phase II Wave 2
P2/W2):**

**Wave 1: Reinstatement of
39 standard therapeutic
classes (STCs)**

**Wave 2: Reinstatement of
46 STCs, including
medical supplies**

**January 20 –
February 24,
2023**

**Medi-Cal Rx accepts prior
authorization (PA)
submission for
beneficiaries 22 years of
age and older in advance
of Phase III ***
**excludes enteral
nutrition products*

**Phase III:
Transition Policy
Retirement**

**Lift 1
March 24, 2023:
Reinstatement of 12 STCs
and 6 Hierarchical
Ingredient Code 3s
(HIC3s)**

**March 24-
June 23, 2023**

**Phase III:
Transition Policy
Retirement**
**Lift 2
April 21, 2023:
Reinstatement of 17 STCs**

**Phase III:
Transition Policy
Retirement**

**Lift 3
May 19, 2023:
Reinstatement of 22 STCs**

**No Sooner than
July 2023**

**Phase IV:
Reinstate PAs for
beneficiaries
21 years of age and
younger and enteral
nutrition products for all
ages**



Phased Reinstatement

Phase I

Wave 1: Reinstated Claim Edit: Drug Use Review (DUR) Reject Code 88.

Wave 2: Promoted adoption of CoverMyMeds®

Wave 3: Reinstated PAs for 11 STCs for new start * prescriptions for beneficiaries 22 years of age and older.

* **New Start** = New therapies or medications not previously prescribed to the beneficiary during the 15-month lookback period.

Phase II

Wave 1: Reinstatement of 39 STCs for new start * prescriptions for beneficiaries 22 years of age and older.

Wave 2: Reinstatement of 46 STCs including medical supplies for new start * prescriptions for beneficiaries 22 years of age and older.

Preparation for Retirement of the Transition Policy: PA submission in advance of transition lifts.

Phase III

Retire Transition Policy: Retirement of the Transition Policy in a series of transition lifts for beneficiaries 22 years of age and older.

Lift 1: Retirement of the Transition Policy for 12 STCs and select benzodiazepine medications.

Lift 2: Retirement of the Transition Policy for 17 STCs.

Lift 3: Retirement of the Transition Policy for 22 STCs.

Phase IV

Reinstatement of PAs for beneficiaries 21 years of age and younger and enteral nutrition products for all ages.

Pharmacy providers & prescribers are encouraged to review clinically appropriate therapy alternatives that do not require a PA.



Phase II

Wave 1 – January 20, 2023

Wave 2 – February 24, 2023



Wave 1 – Reinstatement of 39 Standard Therapeutic Drug Classes (STCs)

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	Systemic Contraceptives
Antiparasitics	Glucocorticoids	Tuberculosis 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

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



Wave 2 – Reinstatement of 46 STCs (including Medical Supplies)

Adrenergics	B Complex with Vitamin C	Laxatives
All Other Antiobesity Preps	Bile Therapy	Mineralocorticoids
Allergens	Bronchodilators	Oxytocics
Amphetamine Preparations	Chloramphenicol	Parasympathetic Agents
Anesthetics Gen Inhalant	CNS Stimulants	Psychostimulants-Antidepressant
Anesthetics Gen Inject	Coal Tar	Rauwolfias
Anticonvulsants	Cold and Cough Preparations	Sedative Barbiturate
Antidiarrheals	Contraceptives, Non-Systemic	Sedative Non-Barbiturate
Antidotes	Cough Preparations/Expectorants	Trimethoprim
Antihistamines	Diagnostics	Vaginal Cleansers
Antinauseants	Digestants	Vasodilators Peripheral
Antineoplastics	Emetics	Xanthine Derivatives
Antipruritics	Enzymes	Medical Supplies *
Antispasmodic and Anticholinergic Agents	Hematinics & Blood Cell Stimulators	Miscellaneous **
Antithyroid Preps	Hemorrhoidal Preparations	
Ataractics-Tranquilizers	Hemostatics	

* Medical Supplies include diabetic supplies such as testing supplies and insulin syringes.

** All other drugs not otherwise listed except for enteral nutrition products.

New start prescriptions for beneficiaries 21 years of age and younger within these 46 drug classes are not subject to PA reinstatement.



Medical Supplies PA Requirement Reinstatement in P2/W2

- PAs are required for specific medical supplies:
 - Disposable Insulin Delivery Devices (DIDDs)
 - Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM)

PAs for these devices were reinstated for “new start” prescriptions for beneficiaries 22 years of age and older.

- PAs are required for all medical supplies outside of the published quantity and frequency restrictions.
- For a complete list of medical supplies that are covered by Medi-Cal Rx, refer to the [Covered Products Lists](#).



How to Prepare for the Retirement of the Transition Policy

February 24, 2023



Step 1: How to Prepare for Retirement of the Transition Policy

1. Consider covered therapies that may not require a PA, if clinically appropriate.
 - a) Review the following:
 - [Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs Lists & Covered Products Lists](#)
 - [Medi-Cal Approved National Drug Code \(NDC\) List](#)
 - Prescribers: Refer to your ePrescribing application.

Pharmacy Providers - A paid claim is eligible for PA submission in advance of the Retirement of the Transition Policy if it displays the following supplemental messaging:

"The Medi-Cal Rx transition policy will be retired in a series of transition lifts, starting on 3/24/2023. A Prior Authorization may be required for this benefit/drug. Consider submitting a PA today. For more information, please visit the Medi-Cal Rx website."



Step 2: How to Prepare for Retirement of the Transition Policy

2. If a change in therapy is not appropriate, **submit a PA request.** *
 - a) PA requests can be submitted via the approved Medi-Cal Rx Submission Methods:
 - [CoverMyMeds](#)
 - [Medi-Cal Rx Provider Portal](#)
 - NCPDP P4 Transaction
 - Fax
 - U.S. Mail

* PA requests submitted for beneficiaries 21 years of age and younger and enteral nutrition products for any ages will not be accepted at this time.



PA Submission in Advance of the Retirement of the Transition Policy Scenario



John Doe:

- 39-year-old beneficiary.
- On a medication since 2022 that is not on Medi-Cal Rx CDL.
- Beneficiary is allergic to other formulations of this medication that are on the Medi-Cal Rx CDL.



Jane Smith, MD:

- Recognizes this patient's medication will be subject to PA requirements during Phase III of Reinstatement: Retirement of the Transition Policy.
- Submits PA today for this medication including details regarding patient's allergy.



Phase III, Lift 1

March 24, 2023



Phase III, Lift 1 (P3/L1) Drug Classes *

Diuretics (STC 79, 53)	Anti-Lipemic Agents (STC 65, 66)	Hypoglycemics (STC 58)
Antihypertensives (STC 71)	Coronary Vasodilators (STC 72)	Cardiovascular Agents (STC 76, 74)
Anticoagulants and Antiplatelets (STC 77)	Niacin, Vitamin B, and Vitamin C (STC 81)	Opioids (STC 40)
		Benzodiazepines (HIC3: H20, H21, H22, H4A, H8G, H8K) **

* STC refers to the Standard Therapeutic Classification number. Hierarchical Ingredient Code 3 (HIC3) refers to the Specific Therapeutic Classification per First DataBank (FDB).

** Listed HIC3s fall within STCs 07, 47, and 48; other drugs within these STCs are not impacted by this transition lift. Refer to the [Medi-Cal Rx Approved NDC List](#) for additional detail.

- Beneficiaries 21 years of age and younger are exempt from the Phase III Transition Policy retirement.
- Enteral nutrition products for beneficiaries of all ages are also exempt from Phase III Transition Policy retirement.



Phase III, Lift 2

April 21, 2023



Phase III, Lift 2 (P3/L2) Drug Classes *

Contraceptives and Hormones (STC 59–64)	Ophthalmic, Nasal, and Otic Preparations (STC 19, 20)	Thyroid Agents (STC 55, 57)	Topical Anesthetic Agents (STC 45)
Dermatologic Agents (STC 93, 95)	Biologic Agents (STC 90)	Glucocorticoids and Corticotropins (STC 50, 51)	Anti-Parkinson's (STC 9)

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Phase III, Lift 3

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)	

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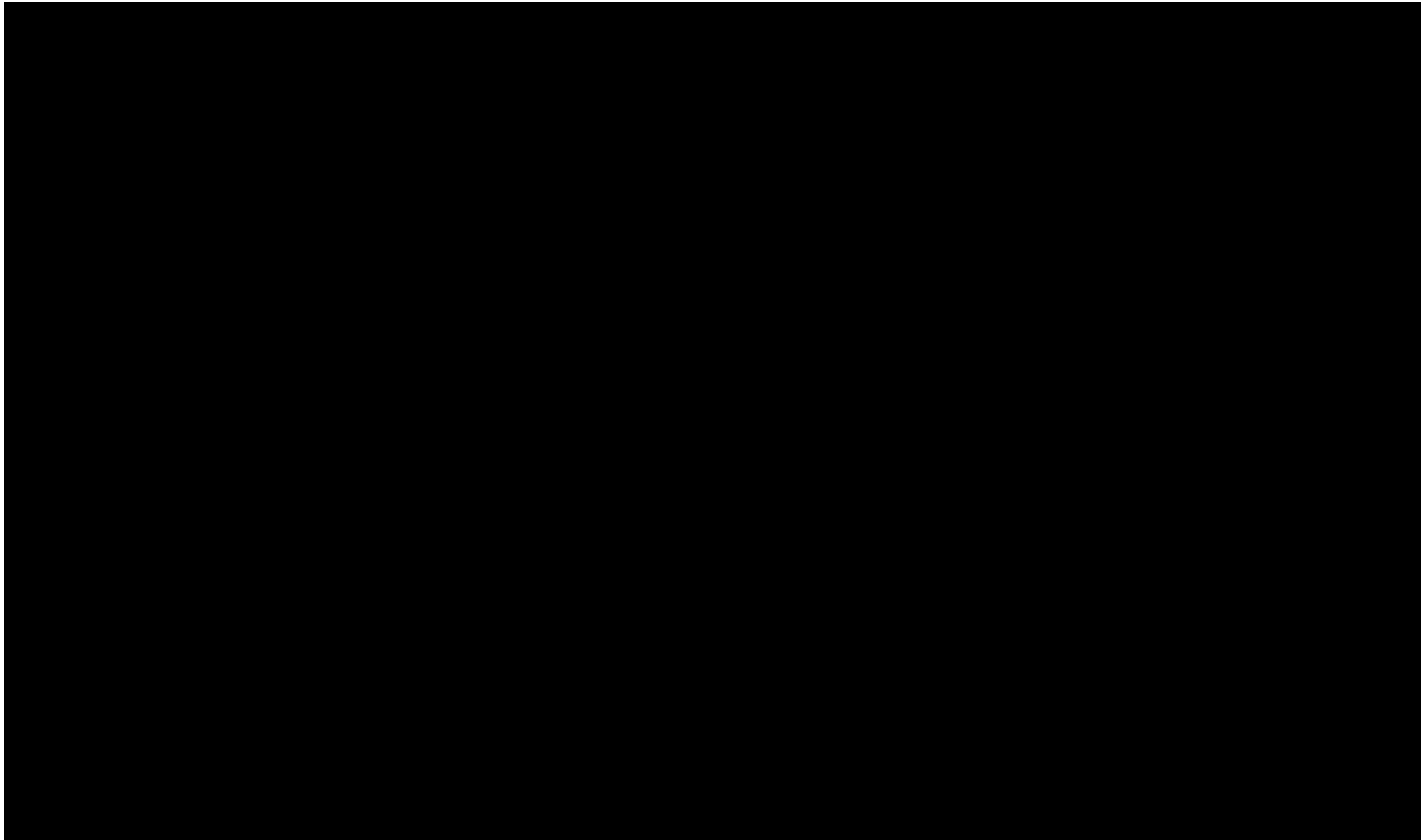
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Covered Products Lists & NDC Navigation



Medi-Cal Rx CDL and Approved NDC List Navigation





Medi-Cal Rx Contacts & Resources



Medi-Cal Rx Reinstatement Resources

Available on the Medi-Cal Rx Provider Portal

- [Medi-Cal Rx Reinstatement of Prior Authorizations and Retirement of the Transition Policy: Phases II, III, and IV](#)
- [30-Day Countdown – Reinstatement of Prior Authorization Requirements for 46 Drug Classes Including Medical Supplies](#)
- [Medi-Cal Rx Phased Reinstatement Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)
- [90-Day Countdown – Phase III: Retirement of Transition Policy for Beneficiaries 22 Years of Age or Older](#)
- [How to Prepare for the Retirement of the Transition Policy](#)
- [Medical Supplies: How to Prepare for Retirement of the Transition Policy](#)
- [30-Day Countdown – Phase III, Lift 1 Retirement of the Transition Policy for Beneficiaries 22 Years of Age and Older](#)
- [30-Day Countdown- Phase III, Lift 2 Retirement of the Transition Policy for Beneficiaries 22 Years of Age and Older](#)
- [30-Day Countdown – Phase III, Lift 3: Retirement of the Transition Policy for Beneficiaries 22 Years of Age and Older](#)



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Medi-Cal Rx: Forms & Information

- **Approved NDC List**
 - [Medi-Cal Rx Approved NDC List](#)
- **Contract Drugs Lists**
 - [Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs List](#)
 - [Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs List - Authorized Drug Manufacturer Labeler Codes](#)
 - [Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs List - Blood Factors](#)
 - [Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs List - Over the Counter Drugs](#)
 - [Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs List - Over the Counter Cold/Cough Preparations](#)
 - [Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs List - Therapeutic Classifications](#)
- **Other Lists of Covered Products (includes medical supplies)**
 - [Covered Diabetic Test Strips and Lancets](#)
 - [Covered Disposable Insulin Delivery Devices](#)
 - [Covered Emergency Use of Authorization \(EUA\) COVID-19 Antigen Tests](#)
 - [Covered Enteral Nutrition Products](#)
 - [Covered Medical Supplies Product Descriptions and Billing Information](#)
 - [Covered Pen Needles](#)
 - [Covered Personal Blood Pressure Monitoring Devices and Blood Pressure Cuffs](#)
 - [Covered Self-Monitoring Blood Glucose Systems \(Glucometers\), Control Solutions, and Lancing Devices](#)
 - [Covered Sterile Syringes with Needles](#)
 - [Covered Therapeutic Continuous Glucose Monitoring \(CGM\) Systems](#)
 - [Family PACT Pharmacy Formulary](#)
 - [Pharmacy Reimbursable Physician Administered Drugs](#)



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[NCPDP Payer Sheet](#)

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[Billing Tips for Claims](#)

https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/forms-and-information/Medi-Cal_Rx_Billing_Tips_Web_Version.pdf



[Drug Lookup & CDL Tips](#)

https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/bulletins/2022.02_A_Drug_Lookup_CDL_Tips.pdf



[How to Find Covered
Drugs](#)

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Q & A



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