



Important Update: Medi-Cal Rx Transition is Postponed Until April 1, 2021 - Provider Portal Training is Available Now

At Alameda Alliance for Health (Alliance), we value our dedicated provider partners and appreciate all of the hard work you do to protect health and wellbeing in our community. We have an important update we would like to share with you.

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is postponing the transition of pharmacy services, also known as Medi-Cal Rx, to Thursday, April 1, 2021.

Medi-Cal Rx transitioning pharmacy services from Medi-Cal managed care to fee-for-service will:

- Standardize the Medi-Cal pharmacy benefit statewide, under one delivery system.
- Improve access to pharmacy services with a pharmacy network that includes the vast majority of the state's pharmacies and is generally more expansive than individual Medi-Cal managed care plan pharmacy networks.
- Apply statewide utilization management protocols to all outpatient drugs, as appropriate.
- Strengthen California's ability to negotiate state supplemental drug rebates with drug manufacturers as the largest Medicaid program in the country with over 13 million beneficiaries.

DHCS and Magellan have launched a training on the Medi-Cal Rx portal for Medi-Cal prescribers and pharmacies. The training is available now. Registration is the first step in the process toward full utilization of the secure Provider Web Portal and the included tools for delivery and management of consumer services.

The secure Provider Web Portal includes key functions for providers and prescribers, such as:

- Prior Authorization Information and Submittal Instructions
- Beneficiary Eligibility Look Up
- Web Claims Submission, Activities, and Inquiries

For detailed registration and training instructions, please visit the DHCS Medi-Cal Rx website at <https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/provider/pharmacy-news> and select the "Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal and Training Registration" article. You can also visit <https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/provider> and click "Register" in the upper right-hand corner.

It is important that registration be completed early so that user training and functionality are complete and active for use. Also, the Medi-Cal Rx subscription service is now available. You can sign up and receive Medi-Cal Rx updates by email.

Thank you for your continued partnership. We appreciate you for all of your hard work and for providing high-quality care to our members and community. Together, we are creating a healthier community for all.

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