

PROVIDER Update



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Bill Physician-Administered Drugs as a Medical Benefit for Medi-Cal Members

Improve access to care and avoid payment delays

As a reminder, physician-administered drugs (PADs) – including chemotherapeutic agents, anti-rejection medications for organ transplants and long-acting contraceptives – are not a pharmacy benefit and not billable to Medi-Cal Rx.¹

Submit billing as a medical benefit on a medical claim

PADs are typically non-self-administered medications dispensed by a health care professional outside of a pharmacy setting. Submit PADs on a medical claim to either the fee-for-service (FFS) fiscal intermediary or the Plan, as applicable. The Plan or its contracted agents cannot reassign PAD claims across the board, either in full or in part, to be processed through Medi-Cal Rx.¹

Depending on medical necessity, there are few exceptions for a pharmacy provider to order, fill and bill a non-self-administered drug and send it to an administering provider to dispense the drug appropriately. Most of these exceptions require a pharmacy prior authorization (PA) justifying the medical necessity as to why the medically administered drug needs to be billed as a pharmacy claim. The claim can only be billed through Medi-Cal Rx with an approved PA.¹

Prior authorization

PA approvals of PADs billed by pharmacy providers are not intended to replace PAD coverage as a medical benefit. PADs will always remain a medical benefit even when they are also available as a pharmacy benefit on a case-by-case basis.¹

Do not direct CalViva Health Medi-Cal members to go to a pharmacy to obtain PADs unless the individual case is a warranted exception as described above.¹

¹ Information taken from https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/bulletins/2022.03_A_Medi-Cal_Rx_Billing_Policy_for_PADs.pdf.

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