

Memorandum

To: Gold Coast Health Plan Providers

From: Anne Freese, Pharm D., Director of Pharmacy

Re: **Medi-Cal Rx: New Implementation Date**

Date: November 20, 2020

Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP) was notified this week that the state Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) was extending the implementation date for Medi-Cal Rx by 90 days to **April 1, 2021**. You can read the DHCS news release regarding this announcement [here](#).

GCHP will continue to offer pharmacy benefits through our pharmacy benefit manager, OptumRx, until the transition occurs.

We continue to be committed to ensuring a smooth transition to Medi-Cal Rx for our members. With about four months left before implementation, we encourage providers to continue preparing for the transition to Medi-Cal Rx by completing the following:

1. Register for and access the Medi-Cal Rx secure provider portal: <https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/home/>.
2. Complete any necessary training and education modules to learn how to help members access their pharmacy benefits, including how to submit prior authorizations and appeals.
3. Educate office staff on new phone numbers, web portal, etc.

We will provide additional information about the transition as it becomes available. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at afreese@goldchp.org.