

Memorandum

To: Gold Coast Health Plan Providers

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

Re: **Coming Soon: Medi-Cal Rx**

Date: August 20, 2020

Starting January 1, the state Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will carve out all prescription benefits from Managed Care Plans (MCP) under a new program called Medi-Cal Rx. Upon implementation, all pharmacy claims will be submitted directly to the state via its pharmacy benefit manager (PBM), Magellan Medicaid Administration, Inc.

Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP) will be sending out important information regarding this transition as it becomes available, including how it will affect your practice and changes in the pharmacy prior authorization and appeal processes.

Medi-Cal Rx Resources

DHCS has a [website](#) that contains the most accurate, up-to-date information regarding Medi-Cal Rx. Please make sure to bookmark this website today. The website includes an overview and background information, frequently asked questions (FAQs), preliminary information regarding the transition policy and a high-level overview of the training and communication schedule. In the future, the website will serve as a member and provider portal and will be instrumental in the prior authorization process.

DHCS also has created an email subscription service, “Medi-Cal Rx Subscription Service (MCRxSS).” [Sign-up](#) for this service today to automatically receive Medi-Cal Rx updates from the state.

Information about Medi-Cal Rx can also be found [here](#) on the GCHP website.