

# PROVIDER Bulletin



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## **Medi-Cal Rx: Billing for Physician Administered Drugs (PADs)**

Dear Provider,

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) issued a reminder on the process for billing physician administered drugs (PADs). There are some notable exceptions or scenarios in which some drugs are allowed to be billed/processed as pharmacy claims and others where they must be billed as medical claims. The bulletin spells out these differences and provides references to help in the determination such as the Contract Drug List (CDL), MCRx Pharmacy Reimbursable Physician Administered Drug list and the Appendix H of the Provider Manual. Consulting these references should provide clarity.

A link to the bulletin on the reminder of the guidelines for billing physician administered drugs may be found here:

[https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/bulletins/2023.07\\_A\\_Reminder\\_Billing\\_Policy\\_Physician\\_Administered\\_Drugs.pdf](https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/bulletins/2023.07_A_Reminder_Billing_Policy_Physician_Administered_Drugs.pdf)

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Sincerely,

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