



## Education Articles

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Dear Provider:

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) wishes the managed care plans to share the following with the network providers. Below are the links to the articles. To view previous Educational Articles please go to the MCRx website inside the Provider Portal at <https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/provider/drug-utilization-review> .

DHCS' Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Committee would like to share information regarding updated guidance on CDC and FDA prescribing of opioids. DHCS has also published an article discussing the first Over-The-Counter naloxone nasal spray. The complete documents can be seen here:

CDC guidance

[https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/dur/educational-articles/dured\\_Updated\\_Guidance\\_by\\_CDC\\_FDA\\_Prescribing\\_Opioids.pdf](https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/dur/educational-articles/dured_Updated_Guidance_by_CDC_FDA_Prescribing_Opioids.pdf)

OTC Naloxone

[https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/dur/educational-articles/dured\\_FDA\\_Approves\\_First\\_Over-the-Counter\\_Naloxone\\_Nasal\\_Spray.pdf](https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/dur/educational-articles/dured_FDA_Approves_First_Over-the-Counter_Naloxone_Nasal_Spray.pdf)

Sincerely,

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