



## System Bulletin for the Children's Medical Services Network (CMS Net)



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### MEDI-CAL RX IMPLEMENTATION

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Effective January 1, 2022, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will transition all administrative services related to Pharmacy benefits billed on pharmacy claims from the existing Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service (FFS) Fiscal Intermediary (FI) or the member's Managed Care Plan (MCP) to DHCS' new Medi-Cal Rx vendor/FI, Magellan Medicaid Administration, Inc. (Magellan).

Information regarding the Medi-Cal Rx Transition can be found on the [Medi-Cal Rx Homepage](#).

The following SAR modifications will be implemented for California Children's Services (CCS) and Genetically Handicapped Persons Program (GHPP) Pharmacy SAR request(s) containing any 11-digit National Drug Code (NDC) and/or 11-digit Medical Supply procedure code.

#### **CMSNET Modifications Effective January 1, 2022**

A seven day grace period post-Medi-Cal RX implementation has been granted to allow the adjudication (authorization) of in-house Pharmacy eSAR(s) and/or paper SAR request(s) containing any 11-digit NDC and/or 11-digit Medical Supply procedure code electronically received and/or manually entered into CMSNet on or prior to December 31, 2021.

#### **CMSNET Modifications Effective January 8, 2022**

- Modify the Service Code Information Section to include the following message above the label field when the selected provider type is Pharmacy/Pharmacist:
  - Effective January 8, 2022, pharmacy authorization requests for any 11-digit NDC and/or 11-digit Medical Supply code must be submitted to the new Medi-Cal RX vendor, Magellan Medicaid Administration, Inc. (Magellan).
- Pending, awaiting service review, request Approval, Approved "Y" and/or Approved "N" Pharmacy SAR request containing any 11-digit NDC and/or 11-digit Medical Supply procedure code can only be deleted and/or denied and must be referred to Magellan.
- The "Reason for Denial" drop down list has been modified to include the following reason:
  - Denial Reason: Request is Deferred to Magellan
  - Description: Pharmacy authorization requests containing any 11-digit NDC and/or 11-digit Medical Supply procedure code must be submitted to the new Medi-Cal Rx vendor, Magellan. Please submit your request directly to Magellan.

- The following Correspondence letters will be created when user selects “Request is Deferred to Magellan” as the denial reason. View the new letter templates in Section 32- Web Correspondence User Manual/Letter Template Examples within CMS Net.
  - For CCS Clients: New Deferral Letter: C-77 – Magellan Deferral
  - For GHPP Clients: New Deferral Letter: G-73 – Magellan Deferral