



## **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 <a href="https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/provider/drug-utilization-review">https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/provider/drug-utilization-review</a>.

DHCS' Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Committee would like to share information regarding the dangers associated with Xylazine in illicit drugs. The complete documents can be seen here:

 https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/staticassets/documents/provider/dur/educationalarticles/dured\_250807\_Xylazine\_in\_Illicit\_Drugs\_Increases\_Dangers\_Associated\_w ith\_Overdose.pdf

<u>Provider Bulletins</u> are available on the <u>KHS website</u>. Please visit the site regularly to stay informed about the latest updates and announcements.

If you have any additional questions, please contact your Provider Relations Representative at 1-800-391-2000, silent prompt option #5.

Sincerely,

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