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Updated

Medi-Cal: 90-Day Countdown – Pediatric Integration of Members 21 Years of Age and Younger

Dear Provider,

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) published a bulletin noticing the integration or reinstatement of pediatric members with edits and prior authorization requirements in the Medi-Cal Rx (MCRx) program. As a reminder, soon after the roll out of MCRx, edits and prior authorizations had been removed. Slowly through a phased approach, they were reinstated. The pediatric population was exempt. On January 31, 2025, they will now be subject to the normal utilization management, formulary, edits and prior authorization. Of note, California Children Services (CCS) rules will apply as well.

A link to the bulletin regarding the integration of edits and prior authorizations for members under age 21 may be found here:

 https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/staticassets/documents/provider/pharmacy-news/2024.10 A 90-Day Countdown Pediatric Integration Members21Years Younger.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.

Sincerely,

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