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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 2022 Immunization Update on Mpox, HepB, Influenza, COVID-19, Pneumococcal, and Zoster. They also published an article regarding improving the quality of care of treating latent tuberculosis infections. DHCS produced an article on the risks of patients exposed to xylazine in illicit drugs. The complete documents can be seen here:

Immunizations

https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/dur/educational-articles/dured_30116_2022_Immunization_Update_Mpox_HepB_Influenza_COVID-19_Pneumococcal_Zoster.pdf

Treatment of Latent Tuberculosis Infections

https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/dur/educational-articles/dured_230126_Improving_the_Quality_of_Care_Treatment_of_Latent_Tuberculosis_Infection.pdf

Risks of Exposure to Xylazine in Illicit Drugs

https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/dur/educational-articles/dured_Risks_to_Patients_Exposed_to_Xylazine_in_Illicit_Drugs.pdf

Sincerely,

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