



Memorandum

To: Gold Coast Health Plan Providers

From: Anne Freese, Pharm D., Director of Pharmacy

Re: Medi-Cal Rx On Hold

Date: February 25, 2021

Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP) was notified by the state Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) that the implementation of Medi-Cal Rx is on hold until further notice. In a communication to stakeholders, DHCS cited the need to look into a possible conflict after it was announced that the company the state had chosen to manage the pharmacy benefit was being acquired by a health plan that serves Medi-Cal members. You can read the update from DHCS [here](#).

GCHP will be ready to implement this program when the time comes. In the meantime, we will continue to work with our pharmacy benefit manager, OptumRx, and our network of pharmacies to provide our members with the medications they need.

We will provide additional information about Medi-Cal Rx as it becomes available. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at afreese@goldchp.org.