






COVERAGE OPTIONS FOR BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORS AND CUFFS

Personal home use blood pressure (BP) monitors and cuffs are covered as a pharmacy benefit under Medi-Cal Rx and as a Durable Medical Equipment (DME) under the Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP) medical benefit.

COVERAGE INFORMATION	MEDI-CAL RX BENEFIT	DME BENEFIT
<p>Blood Pressure Products Covered</p> 	<p>Covered products are restricted to those listed on the List of Covered Personal Blood Pressure Monitoring Devices and Blood Pressure Cuffs.</p> <p>Please check the Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal for the most up-to-date information.</p>	<p><u>Covered products include blood pressure devices billed with the following HCPCS codes.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A4660 (sphygmomanometer / blood pressure apparatus with cuff and stethoscope) • A4663 (blood pressure cuff only) • A4670 (automatic blood pressure monitor)
<p>Information on Billing and Reimbursement</p> 	<p>For Medi-Cal Rx billing, reimbursement, and prior authorization (PA) information on blood pressure devices and medical supplies, view the following links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of Covered Personal Blood Pressure Monitoring Devices and Blood Pressure Cuffs. • List of Covered Medical Supplies Product Descriptions and Billing Information. • Other resources are listed on the Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal. <p>Quantity and billing restrictions apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only one BP monitor covered every five years. • One BP cuff covered every 365 days. • Wrist BP monitors / cuffs are NOT covered. • Effective April 30, 2024, Medi-Cal Rx removed the diagnosis requirement to justify medical necessity. 	<p>HCPCS codes A4660, A4663, or A4670 must be submitted with an ICD-10-CM diagnosis code that justifies medical necessity (e.g., I10 for Essential Hypertension). These codes are for purchase only. If these codes are billed with modifier RR (rental), the claim will be denied.</p> <p>More information is listed on the Medi-Cal Provider Manuals DME Billing Codes: Frequency Limits.</p> <p>Quantity and billing restrictions apply. Only one BP monitor / cuff device covered every five years.</p>
<p>Questions on Prior Authorization (PA)</p> 	<p>For specific questions or issues with what is covered or if PA is required, please contact the Medi-Cal Rx Customer Service Center for assistance at 1-800-977-2273, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.</p>	<p>Prior authorization is not required for DME supplies under \$500.</p> <p>For more information on prior authorizations, providers can call GCHP at 1-888-301-1228.</p>
<p>List of Pharmacies and DME Providers</p> 	<p>For the list of contracted pharmacies that accept prescriptions for Medi-Cal Rx, check Medi-Cal Rx Find a Pharmacy.</p>	<p>For a list of DME providers, check the GCHP Provider Directory under the Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supplies section.</p>
<p>Prescriptions for BP Monitors</p> 	<p>Send the prescription to a pharmacy that accepts Medi-Cal Rx. To locate a pharmacy, check the Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal.</p>	<p>Send the prescription to a DME provider contracted with GCHP and ask them to bill GCHP under the medical benefit.</p>

Sample prescription to send to the pharmacy or DME provider.

Rx: Blood Pressure Monitor – Small, Medium, or Large

Sig: Use as directed

Quantity: #1

Blood Pressure Cuff – Small or Large

Sig: Use as directed

Quantity: #1

ICD-10-CM diagnosis code*: One that justifies medical necessity for cardiovascular monitoring for a chronic condition or on a regular basis (e.g., I10 for Essential Hypertension)

Refills: none

* Effective April 30, 2024, Medi-Cal Rx removed the diagnosis requirement to justify medical necessity. The diagnosis requirement is still needed for DME coverage.