



## Pharmacy Provider Self-Attestation Period Begins April 2021

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Although currently delayed, Medi-Cal pharmacy benefits will eventually be transitioned to and thereafter administered through the Fee-for-Service (FFS) delivery system for all Medi-Cal beneficiaries (generally referred to as “Medi-Cal Rx”). The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has partnered with Magellan Medicaid Administration, Inc. (MMA) to provide a wide variety of administrative services and support for Medi-Cal Rx.

MMA has contracted with Mercer Government Human Services Consulting (Mercer), part of Mercer Health and Benefits LLC, to administer the annual pharmacy provider self-attestation survey for professional dispensing fee reimbursement. The objective of the next self-attestation survey is to assign professional dispensing fee rates for Medi-Cal-enrolled pharmacies beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

DHCS, through Mercer, will be initiating the provider self-attestation process in April 2021 for the 2020 calendar year reporting period for those pharmacy providers seeking the higher of two professional dispensing fee rates determined by annual prescription volume. Key changes to the self-attestation process include the following:

- The provider self-attestation period for the calendar year 2020 reporting period will run from April 1 through April 30, 2021 (in previous years, the survey period was January 15 through the end of February).
- Mercer, on behalf of MMA and DHCS, will administer the provider self-attestation survey with options for online submission or an email submission of a Microsoft® Excel®-formatted template.
- In addition to the standard online submission, pharmacies will have an additional survey submission option that will allow a bulk submission for multiple locations. The new template will allow a corporate office for chain-affiliated stores under common ownership to submit multiple stores in one self-attestation survey file.

As in previous years, newly approved FFS pharmacy providers that are notified of their Medi-Cal enrollment approval after the attestation period closes will automatically receive the higher dispensing fee. However, those same providers will have to attest for subsequent reporting periods in order to continue to be eligible for the higher dispensing fee in subsequent fiscal years.

## **Provider Webinar Details**

A virtual stakeholder information session will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on March 25, 2021 to review the new self-attestation survey process and project timeline. Providers can sign up for the self-attestation process overview on the [Medi-Cal Pharmacy Attestation Survey registration page](#).

Providers should be on the lookout for user IDs and passwords to arrive either via fax, email, or hard-copy mailed letter just prior to the opening of the attestation period.

In the meantime, pharmacy providers may refer to the updated [Pharmacy Provider Self-Attestation FAQs](#) for more information.

DHCS reminds the Medi-Cal pharmacy FFS provider community to closely monitor upcoming Medi-Cal pharmacy bulletins for additional information regarding future updates by signing up via the [Medi-Cal Rx Subscription Service](#).

For updates on Medi-Cal Rx, please visit the [Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal](#) and the [DHCS Medi-Cal Rx Transition website](#). In addition, DHCS encourages stakeholders to review the [Medi-Cal Rx Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) document](#), which continues to be updated as the project advances.