

Medi-Cal Carve-Out Medications

For beneficiaries of Medi-Cal Managed Care plans, pharmacies are required to bill State Medi-Cal directly, not the Health Plans (ie. LA Care/Health Net) for certain "carved out" medications. These include antipsychotic medications, mood stabilizers, and a few others. If prescribers encounter problems with a pharmacy in filling a prescription for these medications because " they are not on the Plan Formulary", the prescriber may call DMH Pharmacy Services for assistance in resolving. Often, the pharmacy must simply be reminded that these medications are to be billed to the state, and the Plan Formulary is not relevant.

1. What is a Medi-Cal carve-out medication?
 - Health Net (and plan partners) and LA Care (and plan partners) carves out certain medications to the Department of HealthCare Services (DHCS).
 - These medications are covered by the Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service (FFS) program and are billed to Medi-Cal FFS by the pharmacy.
 - Carved-out medications are not reimbursed by Medi-Cal HMO plans, such as LA Care or Health Net.
 - All other non-carve-out medications remain the responsibility of Health Net and LA Care.

2. What antipsychotic medications are carved out?

Amantadine HCl	Isoscarboxazide	Prochlorperidine HCl
Aripiprazole	Lithium Carbonate	Promazine HCl
Asenapine (Saphris)	Lithium Citrate	Quetiapine
Benzotropine Mesylate	Loxapine HCl	Risperidone
Biperiden HCl	Loxapine Succinate	Risperidone Microspheres
Biperiden Lactate	Lurasidone Hydrochloride	Selegiline (transdermal only)
Chlorpromazine HCl	Mesoridazine Mesylate	Thioridazine HCl
Chlorprothixene	Molindone HCl	Thiothixene
Clozapine	Olanzapine	Thiothixene HCl
Fluphenazine Decanoate	Olanzapine Fluoxetine HCl	Tranlycypromine Sulfate
Fluphenazine Enanthate	Olanzapine Pamoate Monohydrate (Zyprexa Relprevv)	Trifluoperazine HCl
Fluphenazine HCl	Paliperidone (Invega)	Triflupromazine HCl
Haloperidol	Paliperidone Palmitate (Invega Sustenna)	Trihexylphenidyl
Haloperidol Decanoate	Perphenazine	Ziprasidone
Haloperidol Lactate	Phenelzine Sulfate	Ziprasidone Mesylate
Iloperidone (Fanapt)	Pimozide	

3. What alcohol and heroin detoxification and dependency treatment medications are carved out?

Acamprosate Calcium	Naloxone HCl
Buprenorphine HCl	Naltrexone (Oral and Injectable)
Buprenorphine/Naloxone HCl	Naltrexone Microsphere Injectable Suspension
Buprenorphine Transdermal Patch	

4. How will the pharmacy bill Medi-Cal FFS for the carve-out medications?
- Pharmacy should use member information on member's BIC (Benefits Identification Card), to submit claim as for all other Medi-Cal-Cal FFS members using BIN and PCN, directly to Medi-Cal.
5. If a pharmacy is getting non-covered reject for the carve-out medication, to whom should a prior authorization be submitted to?
- Pharmacy should submit a Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) to the State Medi-Cal FFS. These TARs are not to be submitted to Health Net or LA Care, they will be rejected.
6. Who can we contact for help if there are problems billing Medi-Cal FFS?
- You may have the pharmacy contact DMH Pharmacy Services at (213) 738-4725 for assistance.
 - Additionally, you can visit DHCS website for list of pharmacy FAQs: http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/ncpdp/ncpdp_faq.asp#L6
 - Health Net and LA Care cannot assist with resolving these claims as they are not responsible for claims with these carve-out medications.