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Medi-Cal Rx Transition: Blood Pressure Monitors and Nebulizers

Dear IEHP Pharmacy Provider,

Starting on January 1, 2022, the Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) will manage all Medi-Cal pharmacy claims under a program called Medi-Cal Rx, with a new pharmacy benefit contractor, Magellan Medicaid Administration, Inc. (Magellan). Pharmacy services billed as pharmacy claims will transition from IEHP to Medi-Cal Rx.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, IEHP expanded access and allowed select **blood pressure monitors and nebulizers** to process as pharmacy claims. However, after January 1, 2022, these items will **no longer be covered** as pharmacy claims under Medi-Cal Rx.

For IEHP Direct members, these DME (Durable Medical Equipment) items may continue to be covered by IEHP by one of the following methods:

- Blood Pressure Monitors through primary care provider offices
- Nebulizers through buy-and-bill or contracted DME provider with Physician order

For IEHP members assigned to an IPA, these DME items will be reviewed by their respective IPAs.

If you have any questions regarding Provider-related issues, please contact the Provider Relations Team at **(909) 890-2054**, or email ProviderServices@iehp.org.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact the Pharmacy Team at **(909) 890-2049**, between 8:00 AM -5:00 PM Monday through Friday.

As a reminder, all communications sent by IEHP can also be found on our Provider Portal at the following address: www.iehp.org/en/providers/plan-updates. Visit the new Medi-Cal Rx website www.Medi-CalRx.dhcs.ca.gov for general information, including Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and the Medi-Cal Rx Pharmacy Transition Policy.

Sincerely,
IEHP Pharmaceutical Services