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To: All Medi-Cal PCPs and Specialists
From: IEHP – Provider Relations & Pharmacy
Date: April 10, 2023
Subject: Phase III – Lift 2 - Medi-Cal Rx Transition Policy Change

Medi-Cal Rx will initiate the second of a series of transition policy lifts, for Members 22 years of age and older, beginning April 21, 2023.

A transition lift is the phasing out of the Transition Policy for identified Standard Therapeutic Classes (STCs) that “lifts” the override of NCPDP Reject Code 75-Prior Authorization Required.

Members 21 years of age and younger and enteral nutrition products for Members of all ages are exempt from the Phase III Transition Policy lift. The following STCs will be impacted by the second transition lift of Phase III on April 21.

Phase III, Lift 2 (P3/L2) Drug Classes (eff. 4/21/23)	
Ages 22 and Older	
Contraceptives and Hormones (STC 59, 64)	Thyroid Agents (STC 55, 57)
Dermatologic Agents (STC 93, 95)	Glucocorticoids and Corticotropins (STC 50, 51)
Ophthalmic, Nasal, and Otic Preparations (STC 19, 20)	Topical Anesthetic Agents (STC 45)
Biologic Agents (STC 90)	Anti-Parkinson’s (STC 9)

If a Member is currently on a medication listed on the chart above, Providers can prepare for the retirement of the Transition Policy in the following ways:

- **Consider covered therapies that may not require a prior authorization (PA)**
 - [Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs Lists & Covered Products Lists](#)
 - [Medi-Cal Rx Approved NDC List](#)
 - Prescribers: Refer to your ePrescribing application

- **If a change in therapy is not appropriate, submit a PA request beginning February 24, 2023, via one of the Medi-Cal Rx Submission Methods below:**
 - [CoverMyMeds](#)
 - [Medi-Cal Rx Secured Provider Portal](#)
 - NCPDP P4 Transaction
 - Fax
 - U.S. Mail

You can access the original communication, from December 20, 2022, titled **90-Day Countdown – Phase III: Retirement of the Transition Policy for Beneficiaries 22 Years of Age and Older** [here](#).

You can also access the latest communication, from February 23, 2023, titled **30-Day Countdown – Phase III, Lift 1: Retirement of the Transition Policy for Beneficiaries 22 Years of Age and Older** [here](#).

For more information, contact the Medi-Cal Rx Customer Service Center at (800) 977-2273, or email Medi-Cal Rx Education & Outreach at MediCalRxEducationOutreach@magellanhealth.com

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