

Drug Recalls and Withdrawals

CalOptima's Pharmacy department informs members, prescribers and pharmacies when there is a Class I or Class II medication recall. We inform our members in writing when a medication is removed from the market.

CalOptima reviews drug recalls and withdrawals every 3 months. The review takes place in a meeting with the Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee. You can find details on drug recalls and withdrawals on CalOptima's website at <https://www.caloptima.org/Home/Members/Medi-Cal.aspx>. Drug recalls and withdrawals are revised every 3 months. Please talk with your doctor about any details on drug recalls and withdrawals that may affect you.

Drug Recalls and Withdrawals for Second Quarter 2016 Addressed at the August 2016 P&T Meeting

Update on Class I and Class II Recalls

- Class I Recalls: There are no recalls at this time.
- Class II Recalls: There are no recalls at this time.

Update on Other Recalls and Withdrawals

- There was a voluntary recall of Zecuity (sumatriptan) transdermal patch by the manufacturer in June 2016 because of safety concerns. No members or prescribers were affected.
- In April 2016, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) asked Pharmakon Pharmaceuticals to start a drug recall and stop sterile drug production. Pharmakon refused. Therefore, FDA is alerting health care professionals not to use any drugs intended to be sterile that are produced and distributed by Pharmakon Pharmaceuticals. No members or prescribers were affected.