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Medi-Cal Rx Lengthens Transition Time to Full Implementation

On November 16, 2020, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) announced it will lengthen the transition time to full implementation of Medi-Cal Rx by three months, until **April 1, 2021**.

During this additional transition period, prescription drugs services will continue to be delivered under the current system for both Fee-for-Service beneficiaries and those served by Medi-Cal managed care plans (MCP), such as CalOptima.

The modification allows additional time to develop safeguards to ensure a smoother and complete transition of prescription drug services for Medi-Cal's nearly 13 million members during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE). The additional transition time also allows more time for state-contracted pharmacies and other providers to take additional trainings and to become more familiar with the Medi-Cal Rx processes for submitting claims and prior authorizations, as well as other functionalities within the Medi-Cal Rx provider portal.

You may view the DHCS announcement in its entirety by visiting:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/publications/oc/Documents/2020/DHCS-News-Release-No.-07-01.pdf>.

CalOptima will continue to provide Medi-Cal Rx updates as they are available.

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