



30-Day Countdown – Phase III, Lift 4: Retirement of the Transition Policy for Beneficiaries 22 Years of Age and Older

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What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Know

On June 23, 2023, Phase III, Lift 4 (P3/L4) will be implemented, lifting the Transition Policy for 46 Standard Therapeutic Classes (STCs). This is the fourth in a series of lifts to retire the Transition Policy by lifting the override of **NCPDP Reject Code 75 – Prior Authorization Required**.

The following 46 STCs will be impacted with implementation of P3/L4 on June 23, 2023:

Phase III, Lift 4 (P3/L4) Drug Classes *		
Medical Supplies (STC 00)	Chloramphenicol (STC 29)	Enzymes (STC 69)
Emetics (STC 02)	Antineoplastics (STC 30)	Rauwolfias (STC 70)
Antidiarrheals (STC 03)	Trimethoprim (STC 35)	Vasodilators Peripheral (STC 73)
Antispasmodic and Anticholinergic Agents (STC 04)	Contraceptives, Non-Systemic (STC 36)	Xanthine Derivatives (STC 75)
Bile Therapy (STC 05)	Vaginal Cleansers (STC 37)	Hemostatics (STC 78)
Laxatives (STC 06)	Diagnostics (STC 39)	B-Complex with Vitamin C (STC 84)

Phase III, Lift 4 (P3/L4) Drug Classes *		
Ataractics-Tranquilizers (STC 07) (remaining HIC3s)	Anesthetics Gen Inhalant (STC 43)	Hematinics and Blood Cell Stimulators (STC 88)
CNS Stimulants (STC 10)	Anesthetics Gen Inject (STC 44) (remaining HIC3s)	Allergens (STC 89)
Psychostimulants- Antidepressants (STC 11)	Sedative Barbiturate (STC 46)	Antipruritics (STC 91)
Amphetamine Preparations (STC 12)	Sedative Non-Barbiturate (STC 47) (remaining HIC3s)	Coal Tar (STC 92)
All Other Antiobesity Preps (STC 13)	Anticonvulsants (STC 48) (remaining HIC3s)	Hemorrhoidal Preparations (STC 96)
Antihistamines (STC 14)	Antinauseants (STC 49)	Oxytocics (STC 97)
Bronchial Dilators (STC 15)	Mineralocorticoids (STC 52)	Parasympathetic Agents (STC 98)
Cough Preparations/ Expectorants (STC 16)	Antidotes (STC 54)	Miscellaneous (STC 99)
Cold and Cough Preparations (STC 17)	Antithyroid Preps (STC 56)	
Adrenergics (STC 18)	Digestants (STC 67)	

* STC refers to the Standard Therapeutic Classification number. Hierarchical Ingredient Code 3 (HIC3) refers to the Specific Therapeutic Classification per First DataBank (FDB).



- Beneficiaries 21 years of age and younger are exempt from Phase III: Retirement of the Transition Policy.
- Enteral nutrition products for beneficiaries of all ages are also exempt from Phase III: Retirement of the Transition Policy.

What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Do

If a beneficiary is currently receiving a medication in the STCs identified for P3/L4 as listed in the table above, pharmacy providers and prescribers should prepare for the retirement of the Transition Policy in the following ways:

1. Consider covered therapies that may not require a prior authorization (PA), if clinically appropriate. Review the following:
 - [Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs Lists & Covered Products Lists](#)
 - [Medi-Cal Rx Approved NDC List](#)
 - Prescribers: Refer to your ePrescribing application.
2. If a change in therapy is not appropriate, submit a PA request via one of the approved Medi-Cal Rx Submission Methods:
 - [CoverMyMeds®](#)
 - [Medi-Cal Rx Secured Provider Portal](#)
 - NCPDP P4 Transaction
 - Fax
 - U.S. Mail

Resources

- For more information about Medi-Cal Rx Reinstatement, visit the [Medi-Cal Rx Education & Outreach](#) page on the [Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal](#) and select **Medi-Cal Rx Reinstatement**.
- Review the [Medi-Cal Rx Reinstatement of Prior Authorizations and Retirement of the Transition Policy: Phases II, III, and IV](#) slide deck.
- Review [Medi-Cal Rx Phased Reinstatement Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).

- Review the [Medi-Cal Rx Reinstatement Phases II–III](#) webinar recording.
- Review the [30-Day Countdown – Phase III, Lift 1: Retirement of the Transition Policy for Beneficiaries 22 Years of Age and Older](#) alert.
- Review the [30-Day Countdown – Phase III, Lift 2: Retirement of the Transition Policy for Beneficiaries 22 Years of Age and Older](#) alert.
- Review the [30-Day Countdown – Phase III, Lift 3: Retirement of the Transition Policy for Beneficiaries 22 Years of Age and Older](#) alert.
- Refer to the [Medi-Cal Rx Bulletins & News](#) and [Medi-Cal Rx Forms & Information](#) pages of the [Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal](#) for guidance to successfully submit PAs.

Contact Information

You can call the Medi-Cal Rx Customer Service Center (CSC) at 1-800-977-2273, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year.

For other questions, email Medi-Cal Rx Education & Outreach at MediCalRxEducationOutreach@magellanhealth.com.