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Physician Administered Drugs Billed on Medical and Institutional Claims

This is an advisory notification to Molina Healthcare of California (MHC) network providers.

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is issuing this notice to remind network providers of their obligation to provide access to Physician Administered Drugs (PADs) including chemotherapeutic agents, anti-rejection medications for organ transplants, and long-acting contraceptives which are prescription drugs administered by a health care professional in a clinic, physician's office, or outpatient setting.

What you need to know:

- Medi-Cal covers all medically necessary PADs administered by a health care professional in a clinic, physician's office, or outpatient setting.
- PADs are ALWAYS a medical benefit. Molina is required to **NOT** carve-out but instead retain PAD as a medical benefit
- PADs should be billed by the network provider on a medical claim to the managed care plan, as applicable. Molina cannot reassign PAD claims, in full or in part, to be processed through Medi-Cal Rx.
- Molina members <u>should not</u> be directed to go to a pharmacy to obtain PADs through Medi-Cal Rx. There are exceptions that apply as described below:
 - There are situations in which the pharmacy may fill a prescription and send the PAD to the administering provider.
 - For example, such as when the administering provider does not maintain stock of the PAD or when a specialty pharmacy is the sole source for the PAD. This may occur when PAD is used so infrequently that it is not feasible for the provider to stock the PAD onsite. These situations require a prior authorization (PA) issued by Medi-Cal Rx authorizing the PAD to be billed as a pharmacy claim. Only with an approved PA can the claim be billed through Medi-Cal Rx. As with all drugs billed on a pharmacy claim, PAD PA requests can be submitted to Medi-Cal Rx by either the health care provider or pharmacy when pharmacy billing of the PAD claim is necessary.
 - As indicated in the Medi-Cal Rx Scope, PADs are carved out in the rare situation when they receive prior authorization to be billed as a pharmacy claim.
 - More information on the Medi-Cal Rx Scope can be found on the DHCS website at: https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/pharmacy/Pages/Medi-CalRX.aspx.

What if you need assistance?

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