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**To:** All Medi-Cal PCPs and Specialists  
**From:** IEHP – Provider Relations & Pharmacy  
**Date:** March 16, 2023  
**Subject:** **Phase III – Lift 1 - Medi-Cal Rx Transition Policy Change**

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**Medi-Cal Rx will initiate the first of a series of transition policy lifts, for Members 22 years of age and older, beginning March 24, 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 first transition lift of Phase III on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

<b>Phase III, Lift 1 (P3/L1) Drug Classes (eff. 3/24/23)</b>	
<b>Ages 22 and Older</b>	
Diuretics (STC 79, 53)	Niacin, Vitamin B and Vitamin C (STC 81)
Antihypertensives (STC 71)	Hypoglycemics (STC 58)\
Anticoagulants and Antiplatelets (STC 77)	Cardiovascular Agents (STC 76, 74)\
Anti-Lipemic Agents (STC 65,66)	Opioids (STC 40)
Coronary Vasodilators (STC 72)	Benzodiazepines (HIC3: H20, H21, H22, H4A, H8G, H8K) *
*Listed HIC3s fall within STCs 07, 47, and 48; other drugs within these STCs are not impacted by this transition lift. Refer to <a href="#">Medi-Cal Rx Approved NDC List</a> for additional details.	

**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](#).

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](mailto:MediCalRxEducationOutreach@magellanhealth.com)

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