



Provider Issue Briefing

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Contra Costa Health Plan Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (P&T)

The CCHP P&T committee met on 9/13/2024. Updates from the meeting are outlined below:
****Changes to the PDL will be effective by late-October 2024****

Updates/Announcements:

- Physician Administer Medications for CCHP Members:**
As a reminder, please note that physician administered medications can be billed to CCHP using the member’s medical benefit with CCHP. CCHP Medi-Cal members have their retail pharmacy medications billed to Medi-Cal Rx and their medical benefit billed to CCHP which includes physician administered medications.
- Real Time Benefit Check Tools:**
Please remember that providers and members have access to online pharmacy benefits checks. Providers can check a member’s pharmacy benefit coverage via the prescribing provider’s EMR/EHR platform. Please contact the CCHP Pharmacy Department for further information or if there are any questions about access.
- Medi-Cal Rx Formulary Changes:**
Medi-Cal Rx has been updating their Contract Drug List (CDL) on a monthly basis. These updates can be found on the DHCS Medi-Cal Rx website at <https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/provider/pharmacy-news> or contact the CCHP Pharmacy Department for additional details.

CCHP Commercial Member Formulary Changes:

Quick reference table for all changes to the Preferred Drug List (PDL) and/or Prior Authorization (PA) criteria (for full details of each change, please see individual drugs listed below this table or contact the CCHP Pharmacy Department):

Changes Made	Drug Name
Created new PA criteria:	Beqvez (fidanacogene elaparvovec-dzkt) Duvyzat (givinostat)
Modified PA criteria:	Pulmonary arterial hypertension agents Xolair for food allergy
ADDED to the CCHP formulary:	Capvaxive (pneumococcal 21-valent conjugate vaccine) mResvia (respiratory syncytial virus vaccine)
Removed from CCHP formulary:	None

- New Pharmacy Criteria for Beqvez (fidanacogene elaparvovec-dzkt):** prescriber must be a hematologist, confirmed diagnosis of hemophilia B (congenital Factor IX deficiency) and a FDA approved test to ensure member does not have neutralizing antibodies to adeno-associated virus serotype Rh74var capsid

- **New Pharmacy Criteria for Duvyzat (givinostat):** provider must be a neurologist or a specialist in the treatment of DMD, diagnosis of DMD and stable on baseline corticosteroids for at least 6 months
- **Modification of pharmacy criteria for Xolair for food allergy:** documentation of the diagnosis of IgE-mediated food allergy with documentation of allergy to one or more of the following foods: peanut, milk, egg, wheat, cashew, hazelnut or walnut
- **Modification of pharmacy criteria for Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Agents:** added two new meds (Opsynvi and Winrevair) and updated criteria accordingly. Removed requirement for trial and failure of a calcium channel blocker and vasoreactivity testing. Removed requirement for monotherapy before combination therapy per newest standard of care guidance

There are numerous ways to view the CCHP Preferred Drug List:

CCHP updates the Preferred Drug List (PDL) after each quarterly Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee meeting. CCHP invites and encourages practitioners to access each update through the following means:

- An interactive searchable formulary is available within Epic (contact the Epic team with any questions related to functionality).
- A printable copy of the CCHP PDL can be found here: [Preferred Drug List | Contra Costa Health \(cchealth.org\)](#)
- A searchable copy of the CCHP PDL can be found here: [Preferred Drug List | Contra Costa Health \(cchealth.org\)](#)

Providers may request a copy of CCHP pharmacy management procedures or specific drug PA criteria by contacting the pharmacy unit directly at 925-957-7260 x1, or via the email listed below:

P&T updates and DUR educational bulletins can be viewed online at
[Pharmacy and Therapeutics | Contra Costa Health \(cchealth.org\)](#)

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