

To: Medi-Cal Network Participants  
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**Subject: Medi-Cal Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Program Educational Articles and Alerts**

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The Medi-Cal Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Program issues educational articles and alerts with information to improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of prescribing and dispensing practices for Medi-Cal recipients.<sup>1</sup> Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan will notify you periodically about these articles so that you can apply the information to your practice or facility, as appropriate.

For your convenience, we are including a link to the corresponding update posted by the Medi-Cal DUR Program on their website.

1. [Alert: New Global Guidelines for the Treatment of Asthma](#)
2. [2019 Immunization Updates: Flu, HepA, HPV, Measles, CA School Requirements](#)
3. [Clinical Review Update: Concomitant Anticholinergic and Antipsychotic Use](#)
4. [Drug Safety Communication: Sleep Behavior Risks with Select Sleep Aids](#)
5. [Drug Safety Communication: Risks with Sudden Discontinuation of Opioids](#)
6. [Drug Safety Communication: Updated Adverse Effects from Fluoroquinolones](#)
7. [Clinical Review Update: Morphine Equivalent Daily Dose](#)
8. [Alert: New Naloxone Regulations Effective on January 1, 2019](#)
9. [2018 Immunization Updates: Flu, Tdap, HepB, Zoster, MMR, Adult Vaccines](#)
10. [Alert: Mandatory Use of CURES 2.0 Begins October 2, 2018](#)
11. [ProDUR Update: Additive Toxicity Alert Now Focused Only on CNS Depressants](#)
12. [Drug Safety Communication: Adverse Effects from Fluoroquinolone Antibiotics](#)

All Medi-Cal DUR Program Educational Bulletins are available on the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Medi-Cal [website](#).

If you have questions about drug utilization for Blue Shield Promise members, please call our Provider Customer Care Department at (800) 468-9935, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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<sup>1</sup> These articles are the result of analyses carried out by the Global Medi-Cal DUR Program and are not official policies of the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

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