



801 Gateway Boulevard, Suite 100
South San Francisco, CA 94080

tel 650.616.0050

fax 650.616.0060

tty 800.735.2929 or dial 7-1-1

www.hpsm.org

November 13, 2023

HPSM Covers Physician Administered Drugs (PADs) for Medi-Cal Members

Dear providers,

Since the Medi-Cal Rx carveout which took effect on January 1, 2022, Medi-Cal members' pharmacy services have been primarily managed by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). **However, there is one exception: HPSM handles physician administered drugs (PADs), which are drugs administered to patients in an office or clinic setting.**

While HPSM covers PADs, providers may need to request prior authorization from HPSM for coverage based on medical necessity. Use our prior authorization required list to see if the PAD requires prior authorization, and learn how to request prior authorization, on our website here:

<https://www.hpsm.org/provider/authorizations>

Please direct questions to HPSM Provider Services at PSInquiries@hpsm.org.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our community,

The Health Plan of San Mateo