
Subject: California Drug Formulary Breaking News

The California Department of Insurance reported that the California Formulary final draft rules will be published on March 10, 2017 with a 45-day public comment period. A public hearing will be held on April 24th, and a possible 15-day additional comment period could be added post-hearing.

Some expected highlights include:

- Three drug list categorizations: preferred, non-preferred, and special/pre-operative
- Physician dispensing limited to 7-day supply, all physician dispensed fills would require utilization review and approval
- List of first-fill drugs, with a limited 4-day supply, will be published and will contain some narcotics

The effective date of the formulary remains unchanged at July 1, 2017, but acknowledgement of a legacy claim period and transition plan for those currently taking off-formulary drugs will be included.

We will provide additional details as they become available.

For more information, please contact your account manager.