

Formulary

CenCal Health periodically revises its formulary. The goal of the formulary review and revision process is to provide a quality pharmaceutical benefit, determined through an evidence-based decision making process, to promote clinically appropriate use of medications, and assure providers' prescribing needs are met. Practitioners of appropriate specialties are consulted to evaluate proposed revisions as necessary. CenCal Health's goal is to provide timely notification of formulary revisions through Pharmacy Updates.

CenCal Health's Medical Request Form (MRF) is used to request use of non-formulary medications. Medications not on CenCal Health's formulary receive timely consideration by a pharmacist or physician to verify that criteria for coverage are met. Non-formulary medications are reimbursed when authorized by CenCal Health on an approved MRF and billed in accordance with CenCal Health's requirements.

CenCal Health considers written requests for formulary changes from contracted Providers. Product adoption considerations require clinical, economic, and humanistic data. Evidence-based assessment of the products safety, efficacy, effectiveness, and value provide the foundation for the Formulary review process by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. Requests may be submitted to CenCal Health, to the attention of the Pharmacy Unit.

CenCal Health's web page (www.cencalhealth.org) reflects the most recent formulary per program. Formulary updates may also be obtained by request from the Provider Services Department, at 1-800-421-2560, extension 1676.