

**To:** IEHP DualChoice PCPs & Ancillary Providers  
**From:** IEHP – Pharmaceutical Services  
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**Subject:** **Blood Pressure Monitor (BPM) Coverage FAQs**

We value your collaboration and ongoing commitment, supporting our DualChoice Members in achieving and maintaining optimal health. Your partnership is crucial for improving the care and well-being of our Members.

Blood pressure monitoring is key for optimal health. Most requests for blood pressure monitors (BPM) for IEHP DualChoice Members are covered by Medi-Cal Rx. Please continue to send the BPM prescriptions to the Member’s pharmacy. Below are frequently asked questions regarding blood pressure monitors and their coverage:

<b>BPM With Standard Features (i.e. S, M, L, XL size arm cuffs)</b>	
<b>Are BPMs covered by Medicare for DualChoice Members?</b>	Standard BPMs are <b><u>NOT</u></b> a covered benefit under Medicare Part D nor Part B.
<b>How can DualChoice Members acquire a BPM?</b>	<p>Standard BPMs are covered by Medi-Cal Rx pharmacy benefits at no cost. Please refer to the relevant DHCS and Medi-Cal Rx communications below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Pharmacy Benefit, Blood Pressure Monitors, and Blood Pressure Cuffs, Effective June 1, 2022  <a href="https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/bulletins/2022.05_A_Medical_Supplies_Pharmacy_Benefit_Addition_of_BP_Monitors_BP_Cuffs.pdf">https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/bulletins/2022.05_A_Medical_Supplies_Pharmacy_Benefit_Addition_of_BP_Monitors_BP_Cuffs.pdf</a></li> <li>• Updates to the Billing Policy for Contracted Blood Pressure Monitoring Devices and Cuffs <a href="https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/pharmacy-news/2024.05_A_Medical_Supplies_Updates_Billing_Policy_Contracted_BP_Monitoring_Devices_Cuffs.pdf">https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/pharmacy-news/2024.05_A_Medical_Supplies_Updates_Billing_Policy_Contracted_BP_Monitoring_Devices_Cuffs.pdf</a></li> </ul> <p>The full list of covered BPM products can be found on the Medi-Cal Rx webpage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/forms-and-information/Covered_Personal_Blood_Pressure_Monitoring_Devices_and_Cuffs.xls">https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/forms-and-information/Covered_Personal_Blood_Pressure_Monitoring_Devices_and_Cuffs.xls</a></li> </ul> <p>Members do not need to be aware of which product to choose, as the pharmacy will have access to the list of products covered by Medi-Cal Rx. Members will need to verify with their pharmacy of choice how the blood pressure monitor can be obtained (either in pharmacy or through delivery).</p>

<b>BPM with NON-STANDARD features (i.e. XS size arm cuff, wrist cuff, talking feature, etc.)</b>											
<b>What is the standard process for reviewing requests for non-standard BPMs from DualChoice Members?</b>	Non-standard BPM requests should be submitted via the IEHP Provider Portal for review, as they are not included in the Medi-Cal Rx list of covered products. Please see chart below for reference.										
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