






Coverage Options for Blood Pressure Monitors and Cuffs

Personal home use blood pressure (BP) monitors and cuffs may be covered as durable medical equipment (DME), over the counter (OTC) or a Medi-Cal Rx covered benefit for members.

Eligibility, standard coverage, authorization, diagnosis, place of service, and medical policy/necessity guidelines could apply that may impact whether the benefit is ultimately covered or not.

	Medi-Cal	Medi-Cal Rx ¹
Benefit Type	DME	
 <p>Blood pressure products covered</p>	<p>Products include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatic blood pressure monitor. • Blood pressure cuff only. <p>Only one BP monitor/cuff device covered every five years.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered products are listed under <i>Contracted Personal Blood Pressure Monitoring Devices and Blood Pressure Cuffs</i> found on the <u>Medi-Cal Rx Portal Covered Products Lists (CPL)</u>. • Wrist cuffs and wrist monitoring devices are not covered.
 <p>Information on billing and reimbursement</p>	<p>Billing must be accompanied by modifier 'NU.'</p> <p>Devices are billed with the following HCPCS codes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A4663 – blood pressure cuff only. • A4670 – automatic blood pressure monitor. <p>Use any ICD-10 diagnosis codes that justify medical necessity.</p> <p>Documentation for reimbursement is not required.</p>	<p>Covered as a pharmacy-billed item.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One BP monitor is covered every five years. • One BP cuff is covered every 365 days. <p>Note: Any issues with pharmacies not dispensing or billing would need to go to Medi-Cal Rx and Magellan.</p>
 <p>Questions on prior authorization</p>	<p>Prior authorization is required only if the billed amount is over \$1500.</p>	<p>Not required.</p>

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 <p>List of pharmacies and DME providers</p>	<p>Preferred DME provider is Western Drug for BP cuffs and monitors.</p> <p>Fax or email your request to Celeste Melgoza.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fax: 818-551-9612 or 818-956-6695 • Email: celeste@westerndrug.com • Phone: 818-956-6691 	<p>Search for a local Medi-Cal Rx Pharmacy.</p>
 <p>Information for members</p>	<p>Members who have questions or defective equipment can call Western Drug directly at 800-891-3661.</p>	<p>Medi-Cal Rx Customer Service Center at 800-977-2273 – available 24/7, 365 days per year.</p>

¹**DHCS New Pharmacy Benefit, Blood Pressure Monitors, and Blood Pressure Cuffs**, effective June 1, 2022.

Resources:

- **Durable Medical Equipment (DME): Other DME Equipment**. Updated March 2023.
- Visit Medi-Cal Providers Manual for **Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Billing Codes: Frequency Limits** for more information on limits. Updated January 2025.
- **Home Blood Pressure Monitoring | American Heart Association**