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State/Territory Name: California

State Plan Amendment (SPA)#: CA-25-0029

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop S2-14-26
Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850



Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

Medicaid Benefits and Health Programs Group

March 12, 2026

Tyler Sadwith
State Medicaid Director
Department of Health Care Services
Attn: Director's Office
P.O. Box 997413, MS 0000
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

Re: California State Plan Amendment (SPA) 25-0029

Dear Director Sadwith:

The CMS Division of Pharmacy team has reviewed California's SPA 25-0029, received in the CMS Medicaid Services OneMAC application on December 30, 2025. This amendment proposes to update the state's Excluded Drug Listing, including the exclusion of GLP-1's used for weight loss from the Medi-Cal program.

Based on the information provided and consistent with the regulations at 42 CFR 447.20, we are pleased to inform you CA-25-0029 is approved with an effective date of January 1, 2026. We are attaching a copy of the signed CMS-179 form, as well as the pages approved for incorporation into California's state plan.

If you have any questions regarding this state plan amendment, please contact Lisa Shochet at 410-786-5445 or lisa.shochet@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Mickey Morgan.

Mickey Morgan
Deputy Director
Division of Pharmacy

cc: Lindy Harrington, California DHCS
Angeli Lee, California DHCS
Shanna Haysbert, California DHCS
Nikki Lemmon, California State Lead, CMS

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER 2 5 — 0 0 2 9 2. STATE CA

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT XIX XXI

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
January 1, 2026

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION
Social Security Act, Section 1927(d)(2)

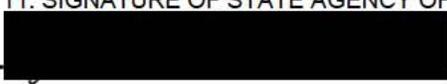
6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)
a. FFY 25-26 \$ (453,063)
b. FFY 26-27 \$ (1,130,322)

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT
Attachment 3.1.A.1, page 2
Attachment 3.1.B.1, page 2

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)
Attachment 3.1.A.1, page 2
Attachment 3.1.B.1, page 2

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
This SPA proposes to exclude from coverage glucagon-like peptide-1 agonists (GLP-1) used for weight loss from the Medi-Cal program, effective January 1, 2026.

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)
 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL
 OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:
Please note: The Governor's Office does not wish to review the State Plan Amendment.

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

Tyler Sadwith
13. TITLE
State Medicaid Director and Chief Deputy Director
14. DATE SUBMITTED
December 30, 2025

15. RETURN TO
Department of Health Care Services
Attn: Director's Office
P.O. Box 997413, MS 0000
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

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16. DATE RECEIVED
December 30, 2025

17. DATE APPROVED
March 12, 2026

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
January 1, 2026

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20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Mickey Morgan

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Deputy Director, Division of Pharmacy

22. REMARKS

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State Agency: California**MEDICAID PROGRAM: REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO PAYMENT FOR COVERED OUTPATIENT DRUGS FOR THE CATEGORICALLY NEEDY**

Citation(s)	Provision(s)
1927(d)(2) and 1935(d)(2)	<p>1. The Medicaid agency provides coverage for the following excluded or otherwise restricted drugs or classes of drugs, or their medical uses to all Medicaid recipients, including full benefit dual eligible beneficiaries under the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit-Part D.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>The following excluded drugs are covered:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (a) Select agents when used for anorexia, weight loss, weight gain will be covered as listed on Medi-Cal’s website. All drugs in this category are potential benefits, subject to medical necessity.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> (b) Agents when used to promote fertility (see specific drug categories below)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (c) Select agents when used for symptomatic relief of cough and colds will be covered as listed on Medi-Cal’s website. All drugs in this category are potential benefits, subject to medical necessity.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (d) Select prescription vitamins and minerals products, except prenatal vitamins and fluoride, will be covered as listed on Medi-Cal’s website. All drugs in this category are potential benefits, subject to medical necessity.</p>

TN No. 25-0029

Supersedes

TN No. 05-008Approval Date: March 12, 2026Effective Date: January 1, 2026

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
State Agency: California

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