

**POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL  
PHARMACY SERVICES**

SECTION: **OUTPATIENT PHARMACY SERVICES**

SUBJECT: **MEDI-MEDI AND MEDICARE PRESCRIPTIONS**

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POLICY

As per Federal legislation, Medi-Cal/Medicare (Medi-Medi) and Medicare patients will receive prescription medications from an approved plan.

PROCEDURES

1. The Outpatient Pharmacy will provide approved plan medications on for Medi-Medi patients, without share-of-cost, enrolled in the Medicare Part-D plans contracted with Los Angeles County. Patients who qualify, will be responsible for the cost of the qualifying plans' co-pay and medications that are not covered by their respective plans.
2. The co-pay and cost of medications that are not covered on the patient's plan will be collected at the time the prescription(s) are dropped off at the Outpatient Pharmacy.
  - a. The pharmacy employee will determine the patient's co-pay and cost of the non-covered medications through an on-line billing system and write it on a billing slip with the patient's name, Rancho number, and abbreviated qualifying plan number.
  - b. The patient will take the billing slip to the Cashier's Office and pay for the amount listed on the billing slip and return to the Outpatient Pharmacy with a verification of payment prior to picking up his/her medication(s).
3. Medi-Medi and Medicare Part-D patients who are not enrolled in the Medicare Part-D plans contracted with Los Angeles County will take their prescriptions to an outside pharmacy. *Rancho's Outpatient Pharmacy can provide the patient a list of local outside pharmacies that participate in Medicare Part D programs.*
4. If the patient is unable to pay for his/her co-pay or medication, every effort will be made to resolve the issue of payment and assure that the patient will have enough medication.

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