
Drugs: Contract Drugs List Part 10 – MAIC List

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The *Maximum Allowable Ingredient Cost (MAIC) Drug List* contains maximum cost limits for certain drugs.

The MAIC program, authorized by *Welfare and Institutions Code (W&I Code)*, Section 14105.45(b)(4), allows the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to establish a list of MAICs for generically equivalent drugs. Each MAIC may be established only when three or more generically equivalent drugs are available for purchase and dispensing by retail pharmacies within California.

Generically equivalent drugs are defined as drug products with the same active chemical ingredients of the same strength and dosage form, and of the same generic drug name, as determined by the United States Adopted Names (USAN) Council and accepted by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA), as those drug products having the same chemical ingredients.

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2017, all prior MAICs have been end-dated.

Pharmacies will receive notification of a MAIC implementation or change at least 30 days prior to the effective date. If, pursuant to a request from providers, DHCS determines that a change in a MAIC is warranted to reflect current available market prices, a specific MAIC may be updated prior to notifying providers.

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