

## **Assembly Bill 97 (AB 97) Ten Percent Pharmacy Payment Reductions and State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-014 Stakeholder Update**

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The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) would like to thank all those who have submitted AB 97 Pharmacy Drug Exemption Applications. Due to the large influx of applications in the final days leading up to the March 31 cutoff, DHCS anticipates the review and implementation of additional exempted drugs to take several weeks. We will continue to provide updates on issues relevant to the AB 97 Pharmacy Drug Exemption program on this website as they arise. Please continue to check back regularly to get the most up-to-date information.

As stated on the [How to propose additions to the AB 97 drug exemption list webpage](#), applications for a **drug exemption** received by DHCS and postmarked on or before **March 31, 2014** will be given exemption consideration retroactive to June 1, 2011. Drug exemption applications postmarked after March 31, 2014 will be given consideration for exemption effective the first day of the quarter in which they were received.