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Changes Effective September 1, 2008

The following changes are made to the restricted drug table effective for dates of service on or after **September 1, 2008**:

- Tobramycin Solution for Inhalation (TOBI™) has been removed from the restricted drug table and no longer needs separate authorization;
- Dornase Alfa (Pulmozyme™) has been removed from the restricted drug table and no longer needs separate authorization; and
- Histrelin Acetate Subcutaneous Implant (Supprelin™ LA Implant) for central precocious puberty has been added to the restricted drug table and requires separate authorization. (Implant is effective for 1 year.)

In addition, effective September 1, 2008, new codes have been added (and some deleted) to SCGs as a result of the annual HCPCS/CPT Codes 2008 Update, when Medi-Cal initiates new codes and end-dates other codes. These codes are already listed in the Medi-Cal Manual with bold, underlining, and the symbol “#” after the code indicating the effective date of September 1, 2008. The codes that have been end-dated by Medi-Cal are in bold and have a strike-through and the symbol “#” after the code.

Please note that in addition to these changes for September 1, 2008, there are frequently new codes added to and deleted from SCGs, particularly due to new benefits, discontinued benefits and code conversions. These updates are posted in the monthly Medi-Cal Bulletins.

The website address for the Medi-Cal Manual that will take you to the SCGs is below. You can also go to the CCS website and click on CMS Net, SAR Tools, Service Code Groupings, Service Code Groupings – Medical, and [Medi-Cal website](#).

http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/publications/masters-MTP/Part2/calchildser_m00i00o03o04o07o09o11a02a04a05a06a07a08p00v00.doc

The Medical Code Descriptor Tables located under Service Code Groupings – Medical on the CCS website will not be updated until approximately September 1, 2008.