

Drug Recalls and Withdrawals

CalOptima's Pharmacy department informs affected members, prescribers and pharmacies when there is a Class I or Class II medication recall. When a medication is removed from the market, we also inform in writing.

CalOptima addresses drug recalls and withdrawals every 3 months at the meeting of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (P&T). You can find details on drug recalls and withdrawals on CalOptima's website at www.caloptima.org/en/Members/Medi-Cal.aspx, which is updated every 3 months. Please discuss with your doctor any details on drug recalls and withdrawals that may affect you.

Drug Recalls and Withdrawals for Third Quarter 2014 Addressed at the November 2014 P&T Meeting

Update on Class I and Class II Recalls

- Class I Recalls: There are no recalls at this time.
- Class II Recalls: There are no recalls at this time.

Update on Other Recalls and Withdrawals

- Voluntary recall of Lidocaine HCL Injection, USP, 2%, 20mg/mL single dose vial: The company that produced this medication chose to remove it from the market. The recall took place because a substance was found in this medication. CalOptima did not take action because this recall applied to hospital use only.
- Voluntary recall of Incivek (telaprevir) tablet: The company that produced this medication chose to remove it from the market. The recall took place because there are other treatments available. There is also less of a demand in the market for this medication. CalOptima did not take action because this recall did not affect CalOptima members or prescribers.