



## CDPH Health Update:

### Update on Bicillin® L-A (penicillin G benzathine injectable suspension) Shortage: Inventory Review and Clinical Guidance

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The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has issued a [Health Update](#) to inform healthcare providers about the Bicillin L-A shortage and to provide medication alternatives for the treatment of syphilis.

#### CDPH Key Messages:

- Pfizer recently updated ([PDF](#)) the estimated recovery of the Bicillin L-A shortage to the 4th Quarter of 2026.
- The next delivery of Bicillin® L-A 1.2 MU and 2.4 MU prefilled syringes is anticipated to be in July 2026; the next delivery of the pediatric 600,000 Units prefilled syringes is expected to be in December 2026.
- Health care providers and entities should continue to prioritize long-acting penicillin-based treatments (Bicillin® L-A & Lentocilin®) for the treatment of pregnant people with syphilis and infants exposed to syphilis in utero.
- Extencilline® is no longer available for distribution.
- Oral doxycycline is an acceptable alternative treatment for non-pregnant adults with primary, secondary, early/late latent syphilis and syphilis of unknown duration.

[Read the Full Update](#)

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[https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/CAHAN/Update-on-Bicillin-L-A-\(penicillin-G-benzathine-injectable-suspension\)-Shortage-Inventory-Review-and-Clinical-Guidance.aspx](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/CAHAN/Update-on-Bicillin-L-A-(penicillin-G-benzathine-injectable-suspension)-Shortage-Inventory-Review-and-Clinical-Guidance.aspx)

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