



# Health Alert

## Penicillin G Benzathine (Bicillin L-A)

### Voluntary Recall and Shortage

#### 07/16/2025

#### Situational Update: Bicillin L-A Recall

On July 10, 2025, Pfizer, the manufacturer of penicillin G benzathine (Bicillin L-A), issued a [voluntary recall](#) of affected product lots due to particulates identified in the syringes during visual inspection. This includes both 1.2 million units/2 mL and 2.4 million units/4 mL prefilled syringes distributed from December 11, 2023 – June 24, 2025.

Please check your Bicillin stock immediately as affected lots (see below) should be discontinued. You can find more information about credit reimbursement for returned affected lots in Pfizer's Bicillin L-A [recall notification](#).

In response to this recall and as Pfizer is the only manufacturer of Bicillin L-A, the [FDA](#) anticipates a limited supply of Bicillin L-A 1.2 and 2.4 mu doses *with no estimated recovery date*.

Bicillin L-A is the only acceptable treatment for pregnant people infected with or exposed to syphilis and should be prioritized for babies exposed to syphilis in utero. Utilizing [Pfizer's Medical Request Process](#), providers and pharmacy directors who no longer have wholesale or hospital system access to Bicillin L-A can submit a [medical request form](#) for patients who can only receive Bicillin L-A due to the risk of congenital syphilis.

#### Actions Requested for Berkeley Clinicians:

1. Check your clinic's Bicillin L-A stock against the list of affected lots and discontinue using any affected lots immediately.
2. Prioritize penicillin G benzathine (Bicillin L-A) for pregnant people and infants with syphilis infection or exposure, and those with an allergy to doxycycline.
3. Use doxycycline to treat non-pregnant adults with primary, secondary, early latent or late latent syphilis, or who are contacts to syphilis, who are able to adhere to a multi-day regimen.
4. Use alternative drugs to treat group A strep pharyngitis and for primary rheumatic fever prophylaxis, e.g. penicillin V, amoxicillin, and azithromycin to conserve Bicillin L-A.



**Bicillin L-A Recall Lot Numbers:**

| Carton NDC   | Syringe NDC  | Lot Number | Expiration Date<br>YYMMDD | Strength                 | Configuration/<br>Count  |
|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 60793-701-10 | 60793-701-02 | GL2954     | 270131                    | 1,200,000 units/<br>2 mL | 10 (2 mL) syringes<br>per carton,<br>24 cartons per<br>shipping case |
|              |              | HP6222     | 270131                    |                          |  |
|              |              | HP6228     | 271031                    |                          |  |
|              |              | HP6232     | 270930                    |                          |  |
|              |              | HR9967     | 270531                    |                          |  |
|              |              | HJ3235     | 260930                    |                          |  |
|              |              | LT5190     | 270930                    |                          |  |
| 60793-702-10 | 60793-702-04 | GT2598     | 260930                    | 2,400,000 units/<br>4 mL | 10 (4 mL) syringes<br>per carton,<br>24 cartons per<br>shipping case |
|              |              | GT2599     | 260930                    |                          |  |
|              |              | HR9969     | 270430                    |                          |  |
|              |              | HK2909     | 270228                    |                          |  |
|              |              | HR9984     | 270831                    |                          |  |

If providers have any additional questions about this recall, please contact the CDPH STD Control Branch at: [stdcb@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:stdcb@cdph.ca.gov)

**Resources**

- [Pfizer announces urgent recall of Bicillin L-A](#)
- [Pfizer Bicillin Supply Update – July 2025](#)
- [FDA on Bicillin L-A shortage and availability of Extencilline](#)
- [Extencilline Ordering and Administration Instructions](#)
- [CDC STI Treatment Guidelines for Syphilis](#)
- [CDPH: Alternative therapies for the treatment of syphilis in non-pregnant adults](#)