



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 19, 2018
TO: All Louisiana Medicaid Prescribing Providers and Pharmacists
FROM: Jen Steele, Medicaid Director
SUBJECT: Louisiana Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) Pharmacy Drug to Drug (DD) Interaction for Sacubitril/Valsartan (Entresto®) and Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitors

Effective September 26, 2018, the Louisiana Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) Pharmacy Program in collaboration with the Louisiana Medicaid Drug Utilization Review (LADUR) Board will implement a clinical edit of drug to drug interaction (DD) at Point of Sale (POS) for sacubitril/valsartan (Entresto®) and Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitors.

Drug-Drug Interaction

An incoming prescription for sacubitril/valsartan (Entresto®) will deny at POS for a drug to drug interaction if there is an active prescription for an ACE Inhibitor on the recipient's file. An incoming prescription for any ACE Inhibitor will deny at POS for drug to drug interaction if there is an active prescription for sacubitril/valsartan (Entresto®) on the recipient's file. Pharmacy claims will deny at POS for a drug-drug interaction with:

**NCPDP reject code 88 (DUR Reject Error) mapped to
EOB code 471 (Drug to Drug Interaction).**

Overrides codes may be entered at POS for the drug-drug interaction, if deemed medically necessary. After consultation with the prescriber to verify the necessity of therapy, the pharmacist may override the denial by submitting the following override at POS:

NCPDP 439-E4 field (Reason for Service Code) DD (Drug-Drug Interaction)
NCPDP 440-E5 field (Professional Service Code) MØ (Prescriber Consulted)
NCPDP 441-E6 field (Result of Service Code) 1G (Filled with Prescriber Approval).

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When the pharmacist cannot reach the prescriber, the pharmacist, using his/her professional judgment, may deem the filling of the prescription to be an 'emergency.' In these emergency cases, the pharmacist must indicate 'Emergency Prescription' and document the emergency on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system. The pharmacist may override the pharmacy claim at POS by:

entering a '03' in NCPDP field 418-DI (Level of Service).

If you have questions about the content of this memo, you may contact the FFS pharmacy help desk by phone at (800) 437-9101.

If you have questions about pharmacy claims billing, you may contact the Molina Pharmacy Help Desk by phone at (800) 648-0790.

Please forward this notice to other providers to assist with notification. Your continued cooperation and support of the Louisiana Medicaid Program efforts to coordinate care and improve health are greatly appreciated.

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c: Healthy Louisiana Plans
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