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Louisiana Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 16, 2016

TO: All Louisiana Fee for Service (FFS) Medicaid Providers

FROM: Jen Steele, Medicaid Director

SUBJECT: New Medicaid Fee-For-Service (FFS) Pharmacy Preferred Drug List/Prior Authorization PDL/PA Drug Process

Pursuant to Act 339 of the 2016 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature changes will be implemented to the Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) Pharmacy Program regarding drugs and the Preferred Drug List/Prior Authorization (PDL/PA) process. Effective June 2, 2016, any new drug introduced into the market in one of the therapeutic classes reviewed by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee may be prior authorized until the next P&T meeting. This applies only to new drugs added with a labeler's mandatory drug rebate program effective date of June 2, 2016 or thereafter.

Pharmacy claims for drugs requiring PA will deny at Point of Sale (POS) with:

**NCPDP reject code 75 (Prior Authorization Required) mapped to
EOB code 485 (PA Required)**

There are no override provisions through the Point of Sale (POS) system using NCPDP service codes. When the prescriber cannot be reached to obtain a PA, the pharmacist, using professional judgment, may override the denial by entering "03" in NCPDP field 418-DI (Level of Service) specifying an emergency. Compliance associated with program policy will be verified through the Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy Compliance Audit Program.

A new Preferred Drug List (PDL) effective July 1, 2016, is posted at <http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Pharmacy/pharmacyindex.htm>.

Your continued cooperation and support of the Louisiana Medicaid Program efforts to coordinate care and improve health are greatly appreciated.

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If you have questions about the contents of this memo, you may contact the Pharmacy Help Desk at (800) 437-9101 or refer to www.lamedicaid.com.

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