



## 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 Therapeutic Duplication (TD) Edit for Opioid Prescription Claims from Different Prescribers

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 therapeutic duplication (TD) edit at Point of Sale (POS) for opioid pharmacy claims written by different prescribers.

#### Therapeutic Duplication

An incoming pharmacy claim for any opioid will deny at POS for a therapeutic duplication if there is an active prescription for an opioid on the recipient's file written by a different prescriber. An active prescription is a prescription where the days supply has not expired. The therapeutic duplication will deny at POS with:

**NCPDP reject code 88 (DUR Reject Error) mapped to  
EOB code 482 (Therapeutic Duplication).**

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

**NCPDP 439-E4 field (Reason for Service Code) TD (Therapeutic Duplication)**  
**NCPDP 440-E5 field (Professional Service Code) MØ (Prescriber Consulted)**  
**NCPDP 441-E6 field (Result of Service Code) 1G (Filled with Prescriber Approval).**

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

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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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