




# State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health  
Bureau of Health Services Financing

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 31, 2022

**TO:** All Louisiana Medicaid Prescribing Providers and Pharmacists

**FROM:** Patrick Gillies, Medicaid Executive Director 

**SUBJECT:** Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy Point of Sale (POS) Dispensing Fees for Maintenance Medications

Effective April 1, 2022, the Louisiana Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) Pharmacy Program will implement a Point of Sale educational alert for pharmacy claims for select maintenance medications. The POS educational alert applies to pharmacy claims submitted to FFS only. The purpose of the alert is to limit the Fee for Service professional dispensing fee (DF) to a maximum of one dispensing fee per identified maintenance drug and strength per rolling thirty days.

### **Educational Alert for Maintenance Medications**

The educational edit will alert pharmacies when they are submitting pharmacy claims for medications identified by First Data Bank as a maintenance medication that is not dispensed in at least a 30 day supply, in accordance to FFS Pharmacy Program policy. If a Generic/Brand product and strength has been dispensed for at least 60 days, and the current pharmacy claim is for the same Generic/Brand product and strength and is **NOT** dispensed in a 30 day supply, then an educational alert will be sent. The dispensing fee will not be reimbursed and the following message will be sent at Point of Sale (POS):

**FFS Only:** **NCPDP rejection code 19** (M/I Days Supply) mapped to **EOB code 301** One Dispensing Fee per 30 Days for Maintenance Medications.

**Note:** The pharmacy will still be reimbursed for the ingredient cost on each dispensing.

**Override:** Upon consultation with the prescriber to verify the necessity of the short fill (quantity less than 30 days' supply), the pharmacist may override the claim and be reimbursed the dispensing fee by submitting the following override at POS:

***NCPDP field 420-DK: Submission Clarification Code (SCC) value of 47 – Shortened Days' Supply Fill.***

**Maintenance Medication List**

The quarterly FFS Maintenance Medication List for the educational alert can be found at the following link:

<https://ldh.la.gov/assets/docs/BayouHealth/Pharmacy/MaintenanceMedications.pdf>

**Additional Information:**

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 Gainwell Technologies 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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