



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

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 14, 2018

TO: All Louisiana Medicaid Prescribing Providers and Pharmacists

FROM: Jen Steele, Medicaid Director

SUBJECT: Louisiana Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) Pharmacy Implementation of Louisiana Uniform Prescription Drug Prior Authorization (PA) Form

Effective January 1, 2019, the Louisiana Medicaid Fee for Service Pharmacy Program and five Managed Care Organizations (Aetna, AmeriHealth Caritas, Healthy Blue, Louisiana Healthcare Connections, and United Healthcare) **will require** all prescribers to use the *Louisiana Uniform Prescription Drug Prior Authorization Form*. In accordance with Act 423 of the 2018 Legislature, "a prescriber or pharmacy required to obtain prior authorization from a third party payor shall complete the *Louisiana Uniform Prescription Drug Prior Authorization Form or its electronic equivalent*." Prior authorization of specialty drugs could require a different form in order to maintain the necessary information.

The following specifications apply with the implementation of the *Louisiana Uniform Prescription Drug Prior Authorization Form* when submitting pharmacy claims to Medicaid FFS and MCOs.

- Prescribers shall complete in full and fax the *Louisiana Uniform Prescription Drug Prior Authorization Form* to the appropriate Medicaid MCO or FFS pharmacy prior authorization provider.
- The use of the form is a legal requirement and your PA could be denied if the form is not utilized.
- In order to obtain necessary prior authorization processing, the following therapeutic classes shall be considered specialty drugs for Medicaid only prior authorization purposes: Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Direct-Acting Antiviral (DAA) agents, Palivizumab (Synagis®), multiple sclerosis, Omalizumab (Xolair®) and other monoclonal antibody agents, and Growth Hormones. This is subject to change.

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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 appropriate plan at their pharmacy help desk listed in the chart.

Healthcare Provider	Pharmacy Help Desk	Pharmacy Help Desk Phone Number
Aetna	CVS Health	(855) 364-2977
AmeriHealth Caritas	PerformRx	(800) 684-5502
Fee for Service	DXC Technology	(800) 648-0790
Healthy Blue	Express Scripts	(844) 367-6111
Louisiana Healthcare Connections	CVS Caremark	(800) 311-0543
United Healthcare	Optum Rx	(866) 328-3108

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.

JS/MBW/GJS

c: Healthy Louisiana Plans
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DXC Technology

Enclosures (2)



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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUEST COVERSHEET

Please check the member's appropriate health plan listed below:

- Aetna Better Health of Louisiana**
Phone: 1-855-242-0802 Fax: 1-844-699-2889
www.aetnabetterhealth.com/louisiana/providers/pharmacy
- AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana**
Phone: 1-800-684-5502 Fax: 1-855-452-9131
www.amerihealthcaritasla.com/pharmacy/index.aspx
- Fee-for-Service (FFS) Louisiana Legacy Medicaid**
Phone: 1-866-730-4357 Fax: 1-866-797-2329
www.lamedicaid.com
- Healthy Blue**
Phone: 1-844-521-6942 Fax: 1-844-864-7865
<https://providers.healthybluela.com/la/pages/home.aspx>
- LA Healthcare Connections**
Phone: 1-888-929-3790 Fax: 1-866-399-0929
www.louisianahealthconnect.com/for-members/pharmacy-services/
- United Healthcare**
Phone: 1-800-310-6826 Fax: 1-866-940-7328
<https://www.uhcprovider.com/en/health-plans-by-state/louisiana-health-plans/la-comm-plan-home/la-cp-pharmacy.html>
Electronic Prior Authorization: <https://provider.linkhealth.com/#/>

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LOUISIANA UNIFORM PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FORM

SECTION I — SUBMISSION

Submitted to:	Phone:	Fax:	Date:
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SECTION II — PRESCRIBER INFORMATION

Last Name, First Name MI:		NPI# or Plan Provider #:	Specialty:	
Address:		City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Phone:	Fax:	Office Contact Name:	Contact Phone:	

SECTION III — PATIENT INFORMATION

Last Name, First Name MI:		DOB:	Phone:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
				<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Address:		City:	State:	ZIP Code:	
Plan Name (if different from Section I):	Member or Medicaid ID #:	Plan Provider ID:			
Patient is currently a hospital inpatient getting ready for discharge? ___ Yes ___ No		Date of Discharge: _____			
Patient is being discharged from a psychiatric facility? ___ Yes ___ No		Date of Discharge: _____			
Patient is being discharged from a residential substance use facility? ___ Yes ___ No		Date of Discharge: _____			
Patient is a long-term care resident? ___ Yes ___ No		If yes, name and phone number: _____			
EPSDT Support Coordinator contact information, if applicable: _____					

SECTION IV — PRESCRIPTION DRUG INFORMATION

Requested Drug Name:						
Strength:	Dosage Form:	Route of Admin:	Quantity:	Days' Supply:	Dosage Interval/Directions for Use:	Expected Therapy Duration/Start Date:
To the best of your knowledge this medication is: ___ New therapy/Initial request ___ Continuation of therapy/Reauthorization request						
For Provider Administered Drugs only:						
HCPCS/CPT-4 Code: _____		NDC#: _____		Dose Per Administration: _____		
Other Codes: _____						
Will patient receive the drug in the physician's office? ___ Yes ___ No						
- If no, list name and NPI of servicing provider/facility: _____						

SECTION V — PATIENT CLINICAL INFORMATION

Primary diagnosis relevant to this request:		ICD-10 Diagnosis Code:	Date Diagnosed:
Secondary diagnosis relevant to this request:		ICD-10 Diagnosis Code:	Date Diagnosed:
For pain-related diagnoses, pain is: ___ Acute ___ Chronic			
For postoperative pain-related diagnoses: Date of Surgery _____			
Pertinent laboratory values and dates (attach or list below):			
Date	Name of Test	Value	

SECTION VI - This Section For Opioid Medications Only

Does the quantity requested exceed the max quantity limit allowed? ___ Yes ___ No (If yes, provide justification below.)
 Cumulative daily MME _____

Does cumulative daily MME exceed the daily max MME allowed? ___ Yes ___ No (If yes, provide justification below.)

SHORT AND LONG-ACTING OPIOIDS	YES (True)	NO (False)	THE PRESCRIBER ATTESTS TO THE FOLLOWING:
			B. The patient has been screened for substance abuse / opioid dependence. (Not required for recipients in long-term care facility.)
			C. The PMP will be accessed each time a controlled prescription is written for this patient.
			D. A treatment plan which includes current and previous goals of therapy for both pain and function has been developed for this patient.
			E. Criteria for failure of the opioid trial and for stopping or continuing the opioid has been established and explained to the patient.
			F. Benefits and potential harms of opioid use have been discussed with this patient.
			G. An Opioid Treatment Agreement signed by both the patient and prescriber is on file. (Not required for recipients in long-term care facility.)
LONG-ACTING OPIOIDS			H. The patient requires continuous around the clock analgesic therapy for which alternative treatment options have been inadequate or have not been tolerated.
			I. Patient previously utilized at least two weeks of short-acting opioids for this condition. Please enter drug(s), dose, duration and date of trial in pharmacologic/non-pharmacologic treatment section below.
			J. Medication has not been prescribed to treat acute pain, mild pain, or pain that is not expected to persist for an extended period of time.
			K. Medication has not been prescribed for use as an as-needed (PRN) analgesic.
			L. Prescribing information for requested product has been thoroughly reviewed by prescriber.

IF NO FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE (A-L), PLEASE EXPLAIN:

SECTION VII - Pharmacologic & non-pharmacologic treatment(s) used for this diagnosis (both previous & current):

Drug name	Strength	Frequency	Dates Started and Stopped or Approximate Duration	Describe Response, Reason

Drug Allergies:

Height (if applicable):

Weight (if applicable):

Is there clinical evidence or patient history that suggests the use of the plan's pre-requisite medication(s), e.g. step medications, will be ineffective or cause an adverse reaction to the patient? ___ Yes ___ No (If yes, please explain in Section VIII below.)

SECTION VIII — JUSTIFICATION (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

By signing this request, the prescriber attests that the information provided herein is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge. Also, by signing and submitting this request form, the prescriber attests to statements in the 'Attestation' section of the criteria specific to this request, if applicable.

Signature of Prescriber: _____

Date: _____