



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

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 28, 2021
TO: All Louisiana Medicaid Prescribing Providers and Pharmacists
FROM: Tara A. LeBlanc, Interim Medicaid Executive Director *Tara A. LeBlanc*
SUBJECT: Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy Point of Sale Diagnosis Code Requirements for Select Drugs

Effective July 1, 2021, the Louisiana Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) Pharmacy Program and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), in consultation with the Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board, will implement diagnosis code requirements for select medications. The diagnosis code requirement applies to pharmacy claims submitted to FFS and MCOs (Aetna, AmeriHealth Caritas, Healthy Blue, Louisiana Healthcare Connections, and UnitedHealthcare).

Diagnosis Code Requirement for Brexpiprazole (Rexulti®)

Pharmacy claims for brexpiprazole (Rexulti®) require the submission of an ICD-10-CM diagnosis code at Point of Sale. The covered diagnoses for brexpiprazole (Rexulti®) will include additional diagnosis codes as listed in the chart below.

<u>Generic Name – Brand</u>	<u>Diagnosis Description</u>	<u>ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code</u>
Brexpiprazole – Rexulti®	Major Depressive Disorder	F32.0, F32.1, F32.2, F32.3, F32.4, F32.5, F32.9, F33*

* – any number or letter or combination of **UP TO FOUR** numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code

A pharmacy claim will deny at Point of Sale (POS) when there is a missing or invalid diagnosis code submitted in **NCPDP field 424-DO** (Diagnosis Code) with:

MCO Only: The pharmacy claim will deny with a **NCPDP rejection code**.

FFS Only: **NCPDP rejection code 39** (Missing/Invalid ICD-10-CM diagnosis code) mapped to **EOB Code 575** (Missing/Invalid ICD-10-CM diagnosis code).

Diagnosis Code Bypass for Dapagliflozin (Farxiga®)

Pharmacy claims submitted for Farxiga (dapagliflozin) will bypass the POS prior drug use requirement for metformin and SGLT2 when submitted with an appropriate bypass diagnosis code of I50* heart failure.

(* can be any number or letter or combination of **UP TO FOUR** numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code)

Diagnosis Code Bypass and Quantity Limit Added for Albuterol Sulfate Inhaler (ProAir RespiClick®, ProAir Digihaler)

Albuterol and levalbuterol inhalers are subject to a quantity limit of 6 inhalers per 365 days. This policy update is to include ProAir RespiClick® and ProAir Digihaler®.

Pharmacy claims for albuterol and levalbuterol inhalers will bypass the yearly quantity limit of (6 inhalers) when submitted with an appropriate bypass diagnosis code.

Bypass Diagnosis Codes for the Quantity Limit for Albuterol and Levalbuterol Inhalers

Generic – Brand Example	Diagnosis Description	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code(s)
Albuterol – ProAir HFA®, ProAir RespiClick®, ProAir Digihaler®, Proventil HFA®, Ventolin HFA® YQ Levalbuterol – Xopenex HFA® YQ <i>Yearly Quantity Limit (YQ)</i>	Bronchitis, not specified	J40
	Chronic Airway Obstruction	J44.9
	Cystic Fibrosis	E84.*
	Emphysema	J43.*
	Obstructive Chronic Bronchitis, Chronic Obstructive Asthma	J44.*

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Additional Information

FFS Only: Most pharmacy claim denials can be overridden in emergency situations at Point of Sale. If it is necessary to override the claim, “03” can be entered in **NCPDP field 418-DI** (Level of Service). Refer to www.lamedicaid.com for the POS User Guide and override procedures.

MCO Only: If an override is required, or additional assistance needed, contact the health plan. (See contact information at the end of this document.)

MCO and FFS: Refer to <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf> for the PDL, which is inclusive of the *Louisiana Uniform Prescription Drug Prior Authorization Form*, medication list, and criteria.

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 below.

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	Gainwell Technologies	(800) 648-0790
Healthy Blue	CVS	(833) 236-6194
Louisiana Healthcare Connections	CVS Caremark	(800) 311-0543
UnitedHealthcare	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.

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