



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

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 19, 2019

TO: All Louisiana Medicaid Prescribing Providers and Pharmacists

FROM: Michael Boutte, Medicaid Deputy Director *MLB*

SUBJECT: Louisiana Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) Assessment of Updated Pharmacy Copayments

Effective January 1, 2020, the Louisiana Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) Pharmacy Program and five Managed Care Organizations (Aetna, AmeriHealth Caritas, Healthy Blue, Louisiana Healthcare Connections, and United Healthcare) will modify pharmacy copay limits for Medicaid FFS and MCOs.

In accordance with CFR 447.56, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) will implement measures to ensure that copays of Medicaid household members do not exceed five percent of the family income. Cost sharing incurred by any individual in the Medicaid household may not exceed an aggregate limit of 5% of the family's income applied on a monthly basis. Copay assessments will stop once the monthly threshold is met.

Monthly Income	Copayment
when 5% of family's monthly income spent on copays	\$0
Medication Cost	Copayment
\$10.00 or less	\$0.50
\$10.01-\$25.00	\$1.00
\$25.01-\$50.00	\$2.00
\$50.01 or more	\$3.00

Current copayment exemptions will still apply. A copayment is not required for some groups and services, including:

- Family Planning;
- Emergency Services;
- Members under 21 years of age;
- Pregnant women; and
- Native Americans.