



State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 24, 2019

TO: All Louisiana Medicaid Prescribing Providers and Pharmacists

FROM: Jen Steele, Medicaid Director

SUBJECT: Updated Single Preferred Drug List (PDL) for Select Drugs

Effective August 1, 2019, the Louisiana Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) Pharmacy Program and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) will update the Single Preferred Drug List (PDL). The Single PDL applies to FFS and Medicaid MCOs (Aetna, AmeriHealth Caritas, Healthy Blue, Louisiana Healthcare Connections, and United Healthcare). The updated Single PDL will include updated clinical criteria and Point of Sale (POS) edits for select drugs and therapeutic classes.

Updated Single PDL Clinical Criteria

Pharmacy claims for select drugs or therapeutic classes on the Single PDL will have updated clinical criteria as follows:

- L-glutamine oral powder (Endari®),
- Hereditary Angioedema (HAE) agents,
- Esketamine intranasal (Spravato®),
- GI, Antibiotics,
- Anti-Infectives,
- Anticoagulants,
- Antipsychotics,
- Behavioral Health agents (children under 6 years of age),
- Cytokine and Cell-Adhesion Molecule (CAM) Antagonists,
- Anxiolytics,
- Ivacaftor (Kalydeco®),
- Incretin Mimetics,
- Sodium Glucose Co-Transporter 2 (SGLT2) Inhibitors,
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) agents, and
- Substance Use Disorder (SUD) agents.

Clinical and prior authorization will require prescribers to complete in full and submit the *Louisiana Uniform Prescription Drug Prior Authorization Form*.

Refer to <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf> on or after August 1, 2019, for the Single PDL, which is an inclusive listing of preferred/non-preferred drugs, criteria, and the *Louisiana Uniform Prescription Drug Prior Authorization Form*.

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	DXC Technology	(800) 648-0790
Healthy Blue	CVS	(833) 236-6194
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.

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