



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

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 31, 2019

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 the Louisiana Medicaid Single Preferred Drug List (PDL)

Effective May 1, 2019, 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 implement a single Preferred Drug List (PDL). This single PDL will eliminate the need for prescribers to use multiple PDLs for Medicaid.

The following specifications apply to the implementation of the single PDL.

- Approximately, one hundred therapeutic classes of drugs are reviewed by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee.
- The single PDL will align preferred and non-preferred drugs across the five MCOs and FFS Medicaid.
- Non-preferred drugs will require a Prior Authorization (PA). 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 contractor. See the link below to obtain the form and fax coversheet http://ldh.la.gov/assets/docs/BayouHealth/Pharmacy/DrugPA_FormCoversheet.pdf.
- Specialty drugs may have additional prior authorization requirements. These drugs may also have plan specific criteria and forms.

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- The single PDL does not currently align PA criteria. There are still six (6) pharmacy benefits managers (PBMs) and six (6) prior authorization departments. (See contact information at the end of the document.)
- The single PDL is not an all-inclusive list of covered drugs. Drugs not on the PDL/PA list will not require a PA unless FFS has clinical criteria or Point-of-Sale edits.

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.

Health Plan	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.

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c: Healthy Louisiana Plans
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