



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

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 3, 2017
TO: All Louisiana fee for Service (FFS) Medicaid Providers
FROM: Jen Steele, Medicaid Director
SUBJECT: Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) Pharmacy Preferred Drug List/Prior Authorization PDL/PA Drug Process Policy Reminder

Pursuant to Act 339 of the 2016 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and effective June 2, 2016, any new drug introduced into the market in one of the therapeutic classes that is reviewed by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee, may be subject to prior authorization until the next P&T meeting.

Pharmacy claims for drugs requiring PA will deny at Point of Sale (POS) with:

**NCPDP reject code 75 (Prior Authorization Required) mapped to
EOB code 485 (PA Required)**

There are no override provisions through the Point of Sale (POS) system using NCPDP service codes. When the prescriber cannot be reached to obtain a PA, the pharmacist, using professional judgment, may override the denial by entering "03" in the NCPDP field 418-DI (Level of Service) specifying an emergency. Compliance associated with the program policy will be verified through the Louisiana Pharmacy Compliance Audit Program.

A new Preferred Drug List (PDL) effective January 1, 2017, is posted at http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/forms/rxpa/Pharmacy_Molina_PDL_Memo_Jan2017.pdf

Your continued cooperation and support of the Louisiana Medicaid Program effort to coordinate care and improve health are greatly appreciated.

JS/MBW/SHB

c: Healthy Louisiana Plans
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