



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

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 17, 2016
TO: All Louisiana Fee for Service (FFS) Medicaid Providers
FROM: Jen Steele, Interim Medicaid Director
SUBJECT: Pregnant Women Exempt from FFS Pharmacy Copays

REMINDER-

Most FFS Medicaid recipients pay a variable (\$0.50 - \$3.00) copayment amount per prescription. However, in accordance with 42 CFR 447.56, pregnant women are exempt from the copayment requirement.

When a prescribing provider issues a prescription to a pregnant woman, he or she shall indicate on the prescription that the recipient is pregnant. In the case of a telephoned prescription, the information that the recipient is pregnant shall be communicated to the pharmacist and the pharmacist must document on the prescription that the recipient is pregnant.

In order to override the copayment requirement, pharmacists should place a value of "08" in NCPDP field 461-EU (Prior Authorization Type Code) to indicate pregnancy.

Additional details can be found in the Pharmacy Provider Manual and POS User Guide on www.lamedicaid.com.