



State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 1, 2021

TO: All Louisiana Medicaid Prescribing Providers and Pharmacists

FROM: Tara A. LeBlanc, Interim Medicaid Executive Director *Tara A. LeBlanc*

SUBJECT: Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy Single Preferred Drug List (PDL) Update for Dulaglutide (Trulicity®) Pen Injector- Effective April 1, 2021

Effective April 1, 2021, the Louisiana Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) Pharmacy Program updated the Preferred Drug List (PDL) status of dulaglutide (Trulicity®) pen injector from non-preferred to preferred. The update of dulaglutide (Trulicity®) pen injector to preferred PDL status applies to pharmacy claims submitted to FFS and MCOs (Aetna, AmeriHealth Caritas, Healthy Blue, Louisiana Healthcare Connections, and UnitedHealthcare).

Dulaglutide (Trulicity®)

Due to a shortage and discontinuation of exenatide ER (Bydureon®) pen injector, the status of dulaglutide (Trulicity®) pen injector is updated from non-preferred to preferred. Louisiana Medicaid FFS Pharmacy Program has determined that this change to preferred status will allow ease of access for patients and dispensing pharmacies. Pharmacy claims for dulaglutide (Trulicity®) pen injector will process as a preferred drug on the Louisiana Medicaid Single PDL, and **do not require prior authorization**. Dulaglutide (Trulicity®) pen injector will have a preferred status on the PDL, until review by the Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee. Some Point of Sale (POS) edits may apply to dulaglutide (Trulicity®) pen injector.

Additional Information:

Refer to <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf> for the PDL, which is inclusive of the *Louisiana Uniform Prescription Drug Prior Authorization Form*, medication list, and criteria.

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	Gainwell Technologies	(800) 648-0790
Healthy Blue	CVS	(833) 236-6194
Louisiana Healthcare Connections	CVS Caremark	(800) 311-0543
UnitedHealthcare	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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