



LOUISIANA ACADEMY OF
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STRONG MEDICINE FOR LOUISIANA

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Governor John Bell Edwards
900 N 3rd St #4
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Governor Edwards:

On behalf of Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians, we would like to express our support of the Louisiana Department of Health and its efforts to establish one Preferred Drug List document in order to provide for more simplicity and uniformity across the Medicaid managed care organizations.

Established in 1947, the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians (LAFP) is one of the state's largest primary care organizations, with more than 1,900 member physicians, residents and medical students throughout the State of Louisiana. The mission of the LAFP is to promote and support Louisiana's family physicians in providing excellent health care and to provide a unified voice for Family Medicine.

With the administrative complexities involving the practice of medicine today, any activity that simplifies the day to day delivery of healthcare benefits both physicians and patients. A single Medicaid formulary encompassing the most commonly used and recommended current best practice guidelines of medications for chronic diseases is a sensible approach. This would allow a physician to prescribe medications consistently to all patients across the board, regardless of their insurance type.

Also, valuable time and resources are expended by prescribers due to prior authorization requirements. By streamlining the prior authorization process and having one PDL, the burden faced by providers would be reduced significantly on an already financially challenged system. Another suggestion that would simplify the system is for a standardized application process for Medicaid providers. when enrolling making it less cumbersome to participate in the Louisiana Medicaid system.

The LAFP remains committed in helping the state improve the overall health outcomes for the patients of Louisiana. Therefore, we stand ready to assist with this important work and look forward to its successful implementation. Should you have any questions about our support in this endeavor, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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