



November 30, 2018

The Honorable John Bel Edwards
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 94004
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear Governor Edwards,

I am writing this letter to you in support of the Louisiana Department of Health's (LDH) intent to establish a single Preferred Drug List (PDL) to be used by the Louisiana Medicaid Fee-for-Service program and all of the Medicaid Managed Care Organizations.

Together with the single PDL, we support LDH in the submission of a State Plan Amendment (SPA) with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) to implement the National Average Drug Acquisition Cost (NADAC) as an ingredient cost reimbursement for pharmacies; and a dispensing fee that reflects the pharmacist's professional services and costs to dispense a drug to a Medicaid beneficiary.

We are informed that this single PDL may change as updated information is presented to the state Pharmaceuticals and Therapeutics committee on a semiannual basis, and appreciate LDH's commitment to develop a committee of pharmacy stakeholders that will be able to provide input regarding the clinical and fiscal impact to patients and small business pharmacies that any placement of additional prescription drugs on the single PDL, could have.

We look forward to working with your administration and we make ourselves available at any time as we move forward on these items that will improve the delivery of healthcare to the citizens of this state.

Respectfully,

Richard A. Soileau
Chairman of the Board
Louisiana Independent Pharmacies Association