

PHARMACY FACTS

Program Updates from Louisiana Medicaid

October 5, 2023

Single MCO PBM (Magellan)

The Single Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM) for Managed Care Organizations (MCO) original implementation of October 1, 2023 has been postponed. The new implementation date is October 28, 2023.

Effective October 28, 2023, Magellan Medicaid Administration Inc. will process all Medicaid MCO pharmacy claims. Magellan will serve as the single PBM for all six MCOs (Aetna, AmeriHealth Caritas, Healthy Blue, Humana Healthy Horizons, Louisiana Healthcare Connections, and United Healthcare).

Currently Magellan is only processing **test** claims. All claims with a date of service prior to October 28, 2023 should be billed to the MCO PBMs.

Magellan will be accepting test claims during the testing window from **August 28, 2023, through October 20, 2023**, if you would like to submit test claims, please e-mail MRxPharmacyTesting@magellanhealth.com with your contact's name, phone number, pharmacy National Provider Identifier, and Switch information to receive the testing packet.

COVID-19 2023-2024 Vaccines

Medicaid will implement the new COVID-19 vaccines 2023-2024 on October 13, 2023 with an effective date of September 11, 2023.

Starting October 13, 2023, pharmacy claims may be submitted and reimbursed with the actual date of service from September 11, 2023 forward.

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Updated Timeline for New Policies

New Policy	Implementation
Diabetic supplies as pharmacy benefit LDH will add diabetic supplies to the Medicaid Single Preferred Drug List to have one list of preferred/non-preferred products. As of December 1, 2023, diabetic supplies will be limited to pharmacy claims only.	Will implement October 28, 2023.
Vaccine counseling Reimburse pharmacies for counseling for vaccines with administration of the vaccine when criteria is met and billing is appropriate.	Will implement with Magellan PBM, now scheduled for October 28, 2023.
MCO maintenance DF One dispensing fee for a 30-day supply of maintenance drugs for MCO claims.	Will implement with Magellan PBM, now scheduled for October 28, 2023.
Clotting factor reimbursement Change clotting factor reimbursement to an average acquisition cost per unit and a dispensing fee per unit dispensed. Clotting factor will be limited to pharmacy claims only.	Will implement with Magellan PBM, now scheduled for October 28, 2023 <u>and</u> upon CMS approval for the state plan amendment.
Professional dispensing fee increase Change the maximum allowed professional dispensing fee from \$10.99 to \$11.81 for all Fee-for-Service claims and MCO local pharmacy claims.	Will implement upon CMS approval for the state plan amendment.

Additional detailed information for each item will be posted soon on <https://ldh.la.gov/page/1328> under Pharmacy Provider Notices.