

PHARMACY FACTS

Program Updates from Louisiana Medicaid

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Timeline for single preferred drug list implementation extended

Louisiana Medicaid is extending its timeline for implementation of a single preferred drug list (PDL). Today, Medicaid withdrew the Notice of Intent, published in the August 20, 2018 Louisiana Register, for January 2019 effective date.

“We are committed to overcoming the practical challenges our members and providers face with six different Medicaid PDLs,” Jen Steele, Medicaid director said. “We intend to work intensively with stakeholders throughout the next month to reach an agreement that allows for implementation of a single PDL before the end of the state fiscal year.”

Medicaid is currently developing a stakeholder meeting schedule and will release details in a subsequent edition of Pharmacy Facts. It plans to hold public meetings twice a week through November to rapidly identify and resolve outstanding stakeholder concerns. Times, dates and locations will vary to ensure maximum stakeholder participation in the discussion. The schedule will include in-person meetings at various locations around the state, as well as conference call opportunities. After hours times will be provided to avoid work day disruptions, in addition to daytime meetings to ensure access to necessary contractor and agency expertise.

A new edition of Pharmacy Facts will be published each Friday in November to recap the week’s activity and share plans for the following week.

For additional background on Medicaid’s path to single PDL implementation, including details on prior stakeholder meetings and presentations, please see prior issues of [Pharmacy Facts](#).