

PHARMACY FACTS

Program Updates from Louisiana Medicaid

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Ongoing stakeholder meetings advance development of single preferred drug list

Louisiana Medicaid leadership and pharmacy staff continues to engage stakeholders in the development of Medicaid's single preferred drug list (PDL), including at a meeting on November 15 at Louisiana Wholesale Drug (LWD). The meeting included Medicaid Director Jen Steele and several members of her staff, LWD and LIPA board and staff, representatives from Morris & Dickson, and Rep. Dustin Miller.

"Our thanks to Rep. Miller for the invitation that led to this incredibly productive meeting," Steele said. "Through our ongoing conversations, we believe we have reached agreement at a conceptual level that will allow the single PDL to move forward." Steele added that this agreement has taken into consideration the concerns of stakeholders, and will include such priorities as consideration of the number of brand drugs preferred over generics; inclusion of pharmacy providers and wholesalers early in the decision making process on brand drugs to be preferred; changes to the way the Medicaid program reimburses pharmacies, specifically the consideration of a move from AAC to NADAC for ingredient cost reimbursement and a shift from a single dispensing fee for all pharmacies to a tiered dispensing fee with separate rates for independent and chain pharmacies.

As part of Medicaid's commitment to an ongoing collaborative effort, the agency is sharing a draft of the state plan amendment (SPA) that would provide for federal authorization to make the program changes. That draft SPA can be found [here](#).

A conference call has been scheduled for 5 p.m. on Monday, November 25, for anyone wanting to discuss any questions or concerns they may have about the draft SPA. To participate, call #1-877-402-9757 and enter the access code # 8162876.