

PHARMACY FACTS

Program Updates from Louisiana Medicaid

Single Preferred Drug List Update

Louisiana Medicaid recently started its rulemaking process for the transition to a Single Preferred Drug List (PDL) with publication of a notice of intent (NOI). The NOI is included in the August 20, 2018 edition of the Louisiana Register, found [here](#).

As part of the ongoing Single PDL development process, Medicaid has worked to ensure an open dialogue with pharmacists. The agency recently provided direct response to two written inquiries – one from the Louisiana Independent Pharmacies Association (LIPA) and another from a single, independent pharmacist. The original letter from LIPA can be found [here](#), and Medicaid’s response can be viewed [here](#). The Medicaid response to Hollier’s Family Pharmacy in Breaux Bridge can be viewed [here](#).

As stated in previous Pharmacy Facts editions, the agency is pursuing the Single PDL as a means of improving the experience of Medicaid recipients, pharmacists and prescribing providers who interact with the Medicaid pharmacy program. We appreciate your interest in this development and will continue to provide updates on it through *Pharmacy Facts*: www.ldh.la.gov/pharmacyfacts.

Cost of Dispensing (COD) Survey Update

There is a minor delay in the release of results from the Cost of Dispensing (COD) Survey. As reported in the [June 21 edition of Pharmacy Facts](#), Medicaid had hoped to share results in August. Mercer, the contractor that both conducted the survey and is compiling the report, has identified issues with some of the submissions, which necessitated corrections. Medicaid anticipates the draft results will be available in September. Please watch for future Pharmacy Facts to announce the report’s release.