

# PHARMACY FACTS

## Program Updates from Louisiana Medicaid

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### **Medicaid resumes planning for 2019 implementation of single preferred drug list**

Having secured broad support from the prescriber and pharmacy provider communities, Louisiana Medicaid is resuming planning for 2019 implementation of a single preferred drug list (PDL).

“We are so appreciative of all the dialogue that led us to this point,” Jen Steele, Medicaid director, said. “Our conversations with stakeholders have been tremendously productive, helping us to reach mutual understanding and arrive at a set of programmatic changes that will meet everyone’s needs.”

The shift from six separate PDLs to one list for both managed care organizations (MCOs) and fee-for-service Medicaid is an important administrative simplification for the prescribers and pharmacists who care for Medicaid members. This change will streamline the provision of care, with the ultimate goal of improved health outcomes for members and a better experience for providers who work with the Medicaid program.

This week, aiming for a May 1, 2019 implementation date, Medicaid will begin preparing for the submission of state plan amendments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and amendments to its MCO contracts. Throughout this planning phase, Medicaid will continue to dialogue with stakeholders to address any questions or concerns that may arise.

Steele noted that Medicaid continues to receive support for the single PDL decision from diverse interests. This includes [letters of support](#) from the Louisiana Independent Pharmacies Association, the Advocacy Center, the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians and the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners.

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](#).

### **Information needed for fall 2018 provider survey**

Louisiana Medicaid contractor Myers and Stauffer is collecting invoice information as part of the fall 2018 provider survey through December 7, 2018. They are requesting providers submit their pharmacy's invoices or purchase records reflective of all brand and generic drug purchases made in October 2018. This information may be submitted to Myers and Stauffer by e-mail, fax or mail.

- E-mail: [pharmacy@mslc.com](mailto:pharmacy@mslc.com)
- Fax: (317) 566-3203
- Mail directly to: Myers and Stauffer LC

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Please contact please contact the Myers and Stauffer Pharmacy Help Desk at (800) 591-1183 if you have any questions.