

# PHARMACY FACTS

## Program Updates from Louisiana Medicaid

**March 19, 2021**

### **Vaccine Update**

As of December 23, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and Public Health Emergency (PHE), the Louisiana Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) Pharmacy Program and managed care organizations (MCO) are covering the administration fee for the COVID-19 vaccine. The federal government covers the cost of the COVID-19 vaccine (ingredient cost). Therefore, Louisiana Medicaid will reimburse enrolled pharmacies the **administration fee only**.

Effective March 15, 2021, the **new administration fee will be \$37.08 for each COVID-19 vaccination** given to a recipient. FFS and the MCOs are working on this updated change. FFS and MCOs will retro back to March 15, 2021 for the administration fee.

### **Preferred Drug List (PDL) Update**

We are aware Bydureon pens are no longer being marketed and are actively working on an alternative solution for the PDL.

### **Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Edits**

New DUR edits will go into effect on **Wednesday, April 7, 2021**.

<https://www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Pharmacy/pharmacyindex.htm>

### **Reminder**

The age limit has been increased for required prior authorization for Behavioral Health Agents. Prescribers must submit a prior authorization form for children 6 years of age and younger at Point-of-Sale (POS) for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) stimulants and related agents, antidepressants (other and SSRIs), antipsychotics, and anxiolytics.

