

PHARMACY FACTS

Program Updates from Louisiana Medicaid

March 5, 2021

Vaccine Update

Effective 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. Therefore, Louisiana Medicaid will reimburse enrolled pharmacies the **administration fee only**. The administrative fee for the single dose vaccine for Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 vaccine will be \$26.68, and FFS and MCOs are working to make it payable as soon as possible. The emergency use authorization is here <https://www.janssenlabels.com/emergency-use-authorization/Janssen+COVID-19+Vaccine-HCP-fact-sheet.pdf>.

Managed Care Organization News

Healthy Blue recently sent a notice in regard to provider enrollment. Healthy Blue and CVS will be retracting this notice because it was incorrect. Any applicable pharmacy association will be notified of this situation and the retraction by Healthy Blue.

United Healthcare (UHC) has informed the Louisiana Department of Health that as of January 15, 2021, CVS pharmacies will no longer be in the UHC Community Plan pharmacy network. Letters were mailed out to recipients on December 10, 2020 to alert them about this change for 2021.

DUR Edits

New Drug Utilization Review (DUR) edits will go into effect on **Wednesday, April 7, 2021**. One of the initiatives is listed below. For the complete list, please see the following link for provider notices:

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

Skeletal Muscle Relaxants – New Quantity Limit Override for Select Muscle Relaxants – Criteria will be attached to the preferred drug list (PDL) on the effective date.

Point of Sale Quantity Limits

- Baclofen 10 mg – 120 units per 30 days
- Baclofen 20 mg – 120 units per 30 days
- Cyclobenzaprine 5 mg – 90 units per 30 days
- Cyclobenzaprine 7.5 mg – 90 units per 30 days
- Cyclobenzaprine 10 mg – 90 units per 30 days
- Cyclobenzaprine 15 mg – 30 units per 30 days
- Cyclobenzaprine 30 mg – 30 units per 30 days
- Tizanidine 2 mg – 90 units per 30 days
- Tizanidine 4 mg – 90 units per 30 days
- Tizanidine 6 mg – 180 units per 30 days

