

# PHARMACY FACTS

## Program Updates from Louisiana Medicaid

September 7, 2018

### Stakeholders Meeting

Louisiana Medicaid hosted a stakeholders meeting Sept. 7 to continue the discussion of the single preferred drug list (PDL) and pharmacy reimbursement. The meeting began with a [presentation and call for input on single PDL development](#) by Louisiana Medicaid Director Jen Steele. Sen. Fred Mills further elaborated on the topic and how it would affect prescribers and pharmacists. The meeting was an opportunity for all stakeholders to consider benefits as well as challenges. A public hearing for the Notice of Intent published in the August Louisiana Register is set for Sept. 27 and written comments are due Sept. 28. The meeting also included a [presentation on pharmacy reimbursement](#) by Myers and Stauffer LC, a public accounting firm that manages Louisiana Medicaid's average acquisition cost (AAC) program. The presentation covered federal requirements, state choices for ingredient cost reimbursement methods and Louisiana's current pharmacy reimbursement program. Pictured below are Steele, Mills, Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy Director Melwyn Wendt and Pharmacist Sue Fontenot. Those in attendance included Medicaid-participating pharmacists and prescribers, managed care health plans, LDH staff and other contractors.



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### Cost of Dispensing Survey Update

Medicaid plans to share the results of the Cost of Dispensing (COD) Survey soon, but there have been additional delays. Mercer, the contractor that both conducted the survey and is compiling the report, is still working to correct some minor issues with some of the submissions. For details on the COD Survey and what it included, please refer to the March 16, 2018 Pharmacy Facts, and please watch for future Pharmacy Facts to announce the report's release.