

PHARMACY FACTS

Program Updates from Louisiana Medicaid

April 20, 2018

Cost of Dispensing Survey

Louisiana Medicaid is currently conducting a Cost of Dispensing Survey for purposes of updating the professional dispensing fee for pharmacy reimbursement. The survey was distributed April 16, 2018. Please refer to this website <https://ghscapps.mercer.com/LApharmacy/> for the latest information. Please email any related questions to the following address: RxSurvey@mercer.com. Surveys are due **May 11, 2018**.

Single Preferred Drug List

LDH efforts to develop a Single Preferred Drug List across fee for service (FFS) and the five managed care organizations (MCOs) are progressing. Next steps include sharing the draft PDL with pharmacists, prescribers and MCOs for feedback. Stakeholder meetings are set for the last week in April, with the goal of finalizing the list in June. With approval of the final list by the Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics (P&T) committee and the related state administrative rule making and State Plan Amendment, LDH aims to implement the Single PDL on January 1, 2019. Ongoing progress updates will be communicated through this publication.

Two MCOs offering 90-Day Supply

United Healthcare (UHC) and AmeriHealth Caritas (ACLA) are now offering a 90-day supply on certain maintenance drugs. Recipients have been notified and will be able to fill a 90-day supply at retail pharmacies.

Louisiana Drug Utilization Review

FFS and the MCOs are aligning some Drug Utilization Review (DUR) initiatives. This collaboration will unify prospective, retrospective and educational DUR criteria. Watch for provider notices with detailed information on each DUR focus. Provider notices are posted here:

<http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Pharmacy/pharmacyindex.htm>