

# PHARMACY FACTS

## Program Updates from Louisiana Medicaid

May 26, 2023

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

The new PDL will be implemented July 1, 2023 and will be posted at <https://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf>.

There were no new therapeutic classes added to the PDL during the spring 2023 Pharmaceutical & Therapeutics (P&T) Committee review.

### **Brand Over Generic List: PHARMACISTS – adjust your inventory accordingly**

On May 5, 2023, LDH held a virtual Pharmaceutical & Therapeutics Committee review via Zoom. Since this was a virtual review, it was conducted without the P&T members voting. However, feedback from committee members, the public and drug manufacturers was allowed and taken into consideration. The Council on Medicaid Pharmacy Reimbursement members reviewed the Brand over Generic list and provided feedback during the April 12, 2023 meeting.

There are times when brand products are preferred over generics because the net price to the state is less expensive after rebate. After considering the feedback on the proposed recommendations, the Brand over Generic List will be as follows, effective July 1, 2023:

Brand over Generic drugs P&T spring review 2023 (Implement July 2023) Highlighted drugs are new to the list	
Brand name	Review Schedule
AMITIZA	Spring
APRISO	Spring
BETHKIS	Spring
COPAXONE 20 MG/ML and 40 MG/ML	Spring
NATROBA	Spring
NEXIUM SUSPENSION	Spring
PRADAXA	Spring
PROTONIX SUSPENSION	Spring
RAPAMUNE SOLUTION and TABLET	Spring
RENEVELA TABLET	Spring
RETIN-A CREAM	Spring

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Brand name	Review Schedule
REVATIO SUSPENSION	Spring
SUBOXONE FILM	Spring
ADDERALL XR	Fall
ADVAIR DISKUS	Fall
ALPHAGAN P 0.15%	Fall
BANZEL TABLET AND SUSPENSION	Fall
CARBATROL	Fall
CIPRODEX OTIC	Fall
Combigan	Fall
DEPAKOTE SPRINKLE	Fall
ELIDEL	Fall
Flovent HFA	Fall
Restasis	Fall
Revlimid	Fall
SABRIL TABLET and POWDER PACK	Fall
SYMBICORT	Fall
TEGRETOL XR	Fall
TOBRADEX SUSPENSION	Fall
TRAVATAN Z (2.5mL and 5mL)	Fall
TRILEPTAL SUSPENSION	Fall

**Note:** Since the generic Latuda was recently marketed, Latuda brand will be recommended non-preferred and the generic will be recommended preferred.

### **Medicaid Provider Enrollment Portal Requirements**

All providers including pharmacies, pharmacists, prescribers, and facilities who render services to Medicaid beneficiaries based on order, prescription, or referral (OPR) will not be paid for such items or services, beginning July 1, 2023, unless the provider enrolls through the Medicaid portal before June 30, 2023, and the provider's National Provider Identifier (NPI) is included on the claim submitted to Medicaid by the rendering provider (42 CFR 455.440).

Please note that this extends to pharmacy Point of Sale (POS) systems as well. If either the prescribing provider (or vaccinating pharmacist) and/or the pharmacy provider are **not** enrolled in the portal, then the pharmacy claim will deny beginning July 1, 2023.

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Any providers who have not completed enrollment by June 30, 2023, will have their patients assigned to another primary care physician and will be deactivated from the program.

Providers who are unsure of their enrollment status may use the Provider Portal Enrollment Lookup Tool at <https://www.lamedicaid.com/portalenrollmentstatus/search>. Results will show the provider's status as either enrollment complete, action required, application not submitted, or currently in process by Gainwell Technologies.

Providers can find additional information and submit questions on the [provider enrollment webpage](#) and in [Informational Bulletin 22-38: Provider Enrollment Requirements](#).

Providers needing assistance with application and enrollment should contact Gainwell Technologies by emailing [louisianaprovenroll@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:louisianaprovenroll@gainwelltechnologies.com) or contacting 1-833-641-2140 for a status update on enrollment and any next steps needed to complete the process.

### **Medicaid Restarts Eligibility Determinations**

Louisiana Medicaid has restarted eligibility determinations. Mailing of renewals will be staggered across 12 months, and it will take 14 months to complete the redetermination process for all Medicaid members. The first closures will be effective July 1, 2023.

Some eligibility reviews can be completed without contacting the member by using information from electronic databases. Many, however, require members to respond to mail. For this reason, it is vital that Medicaid members know to keep their contact information with Louisiana Medicaid up to date. If Medicaid does not have the current information, members could miss important letters about their health insurance coverage and risk losing coverage, even if eligible.

A [toolkit](#) has been developed to help share this information. The toolkit includes flyers to post in your facilities as well as cards to hand out to Medicaid members.