

PHARMACY FACTS

Program Updates from Louisiana Medicaid

November 1, 2023

Single MCO PBM (Magellan)

The Single Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM) for Managed Care Organizations (MCO), Magellan, was implemented on October 28, 2023.

Magellan Medicaid Administration Inc. is now processing Medicaid MCO pharmacy claims for all six MCOs (Aetna Better Health, AmeriHealth Caritas, Healthy Blue, Humana Healthy Horizons, Louisiana Healthcare Connections, and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan).

The Magellan Medicaid Administration portal is live with helpful information:

<https://www.lamcopbmpharmacy.com>

Magellan pharmacy claims processing information:

- BIN Number: 025986
- Version/Release #: D.0
- Processor Control #: 1214172240
- Group ID: LAMCOPBM
- All submitted fields will be edited for valid format and values.

Member and Pharmacy Help Desk

- Phone Number: 1-800-424-1664

Pharmacy Prior Authorizations

- Phone Number: 1-800-424-1664
- Fax Number: 1-800-424-7402
- Electronic: www.covermymeds.com (save time and, often, receive real-time determinations by submitting electronically through CoverMyMeds)

Pharmacy providers can contact Magellan Provider Contracting department at rxnetworksdept@magellanhealth.com to verify the pharmacy is contracted with Magellan.

Feel free to email LDH pharmacy staff with any pharmacy claims issues. Contact information is listed in the footer of this document.

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Local Pharmacy Status

To operationalize the reimbursement requirements in Louisiana State Legislature RS 46:460.36, LDH maintains a monthly local pharmacy list. Our goal is to keep a correct and comprehensive local pharmacy list of pharmacy providers that meet the requirements defined by the law. Please send pharmacy information for review to Jennie.Stelly@la.gov if you have questions or think your pharmacy should be added to the list.

Naloxone Standing Order

Dr. Shantel Hebert-Magee, Louisiana Medicaid Chief Medical Officer, will sign the 2024 naloxone standing order since Dr. James Hussey is retiring at the end of the year. The new standing order will be posted at the end of the year. Please make note for 2024 billing purposes.

Updated Timeline for New Policies

| New Policy | Implementation |
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| Diabetic supplies as pharmacy benefit LDH will add diabetic supplies to the Medicaid Single Preferred Drug List to have one list of preferred/non-preferred products. As of December 1, 2023, diabetic supplies will be limited to pharmacy claims only. | Implemented October 28, 2023 |
| Vaccine counseling Reimburse pharmacies for counseling for vaccines with administration of the vaccine when criteria is met and billing is appropriate. | Implemented October 28, 2023 |
| MCO maintenance DF One dispensing fee for a 30-day supply of maintenance drugs for MCO claims. | Implemented October 28, 2023 |
| Clotting factor reimbursement Change clotting factor reimbursement to an average acquisition cost per unit and a dispensing fee per unit dispensed. Clotting factor will be limited to pharmacy claims only. | Waiting on CMS approval for the state plan amendment |
| Professional dispensing fee increase Change the maximum allowed professional dispensing fee from \$10.99 to \$11.81 for all Fee-for-Service claims and MCO local pharmacy claims. | Waiting on CMS approval for the state plan amendment |