

Council on Medicaid Pharmacy Reimbursement
Wednesday, October 29, 2025
9:00 a.m.
ZOOM Meeting

Name	Committee Attendance	Attendance
M.J. Terrebonne	Pharmacist (Senate Committee on Health & Welfare)	Present (Zoom)
Kim Wixson	Louisiana Pharmacists Association	Absent
Randal Johnson	Louisiana Independent Pharmacies Association	Present (Zoom)
Dr. Stewart Gordon	Physician (Senate Committee on Health & Welfare)	Present (Zoom)
Jeff Gaude	National Association of Chain Drug Stores	Absent
Pam Reed	LA Alliance of Retail Pharmacies	Present (Zoom)
Dr. Jamie Edwards	Physician (House Committee on Health & Welfare)	Absent
Dana Antoon	Louisiana Board of Pharmacy	Present (Zoom)
Lishunda Franklin	Louisiana Board of Pharmacy	Present (Zoom)
Ashley Acosta Chanove	Pharmacist (House Committee on Health & Welfare)	Present (Zoom)
Zoom Attendees	Mikayla Miller; LIPA Staff; Cecily Holland; Debbie; Amy Collins; Amy Ponti; Brandon Bueche; Denise HBL; Doug Robichuax; Emily Ragland; Jennie Stelly; Kayla Bridges; Matthew Bullard; OAO; Rachel Broussard; Selena Sims; Shelly Dupre; Sue Fontenot; Daisy DiMaggio; Jeanine Plante; Cedric Cloud; Vanessa Smith; Malcolm Armstrong; Dawanna Werger; Minh Nguyen; Ray; Josiah Howell; Jessica Elliot; Sarah Perkins	

- **Call to Order**
 - The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by M.J. Terrebonne.
- **Introductions and Quorum Determination**
 - Roll was called. Meeting was held via ZOOM.
- **Review and approval of the August 28th & September 23rd meeting minutes**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: The August 28 meeting minutes and the September 23 meeting minutes will be approved at the next live meeting, in addition to the October 29 meeting minutes.
- **Cost of Dispensing Survey Update**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: Council remains in communication with Secretary Greenstein regarding the dispensing cost survey.
- **Medicaid PBM Update**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: What are the current updates?
 - LDH: MCO PBMs started processing claims on 10/1, working diligently to clear up complaints. Prime has sent files to resolve the issue with PAs. Alerted to problems with the EPIC system at Ochsner.
- Days' Supply of Maintenance drugs

- Randal Johnson: Draft for request for comment – IB 25-XX – comments will also be sent in writing. IB sent for dissemination to members of the Council and to pharmacists who expressed concern and will send comments back to LDH by COB 10/29.
- Denise (HBL): All updates were finished on 10/27, a month early (11/28) – Pharmacies will see it corrected on RAs.
- Randal Johnson: Requests a report from LDH of contractors who have claims sent for reprocessing for drugs due to a lack of dispensing fee being paid. LDH requested the council send this report request to LDH in writing.
 - How many shortfills have historically occurred on maintenance drugs?
- Daisy DiMaggio: Discussed the administrative burden being placed on pharmacies to issue refills on maintenance drugs and the ongoing issue with dispensing fees. Can the policy be reevaluated for administrative burden?
 - LDH: The Department requests information about any issues with receiving dispensing fees for drugs that are not on the maintenance list.
- Dana Antoon/Randal Johnson: Requests that LDH provide the requested information from vendors on how many Medicaid prescription claims have been filled that did not pay the dispensing fee. Report to include:
 - How many total claims since 10/1/2025
 - How many claims without dispensing fee paid since 10/1/2025
 - LDH requested the council send this report request to LDH in writing.
- **340B Report**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: At the last meeting, Kolynda Parker was asked to check with staff regarding the request for the 340 B report.
 - LDH: mentioned that Kim Sullivan spoke with Randal Johnson and stated that since LDH is still discussing this topic internally, the report is subject to deliberative process privilege and will not be shared at this time.

LDH: Amendment 12 of the MCO contract has the following draft language 2.9.33.3 340B Carve-In pharmacies shall be reimbursed per prescription at actual acquisition cost plus any applicable dispensing fee.
 - Randal Johnson: At the last meeting, a report on the number of 340 B claims was requested.

- LDH: This information was requested from the rebate vendor, and they are unable to supply it, so LDH will have to request data from someone else.
- **Pharmacy Reimbursement Security Issue**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: The council has had ongoing discussions. Are there any updates?
 - LDH: Medicaid and Legal are working on this. No new updates. LDH will share information with affected pharmacies when it becomes available. Timeline for resolution will be requested by LDH Legal.
- **TPL Update**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: Are there any updates to the TPL processing?
 - LDH: Medicaid is not aware of any changes outside of IB that took effect 10/1.
 - Randal Johnson: HB 595 – TPL – MEVS is considered the source of truth for pharmacy/provider review.
- **Reports**
 - Specialty drugs:
 - M.J. Terrebonne: It was discussed that utilization and expenditures to be provided by MCOs.
 - Drugs in high-risk pool:
 - M.J. Terrebonne: We discussed getting a list of those drugs. Is this included in the report?
 - LDH: The criteria for the SFY 2025 Risk Pool differ from the SFY 2024 Risk Pool, which identified five specific high-cost drugs: Zolgensma, Skysona, Rethymic, Hemgenix, and Zynteglo.
 - The SFY 2025 Risk Pool identifies four criteria that must be satisfied to include a drug:
 - FDA-approved therapy
 - Labeler participated in the Federal Rebate Program
 - Durable and potentially curative cell and gene therapies (one-time use therapies)
 - Estimated treatment cost of at least \$2 million on a wholesale acquisition cost (WAC) basis
 - MCO Report updates:
 - M.J. Terrebonne: Are these reports available?
 - Dr. Gordon: LHCC was able to produce but the CFO is trying to get the data from the other five plans and hopefully have for the next meeting.
 - SIN report:

- M.J. Terrebonne: I received an explanation on why some information on the iPad was shaded. I would like some of the data for us to review at the next meeting. I will pull together these reports.
 - LDH: If there is something specific, please let us know so we can get with Prime.
- **Cost of moving more generics to PDL:**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: Discussed at last meeting. Any updates?
 - LDH: Emailed RJ information at the beginning of October.
 - Randal Johnson: Can the report be shared with redacted rebate information?
 - LDH: What information is being requested?
 - Randal Johnson: Sec Greenstein states \$400 million from the Medicaid rebate program and asked me to track down the full report to see where this info is coming from.
 - LDH: Sue to see about redacting information from the full report and providing for Council review.
- **Medicaid Quality Measures**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: HEDIS measures provided in files sent by Kolynda to MJ. Review for next meeting for compliance and adherence measures.
 - Randal Johnson: Medicaid to provide information on the vaccine administration and reimbursement for counseling.
 - To be discussed in depth by Dana Antoon at the next meeting.
- **Pharmacy Notifications**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: There are three pharmacy notifications on your iPad for review.
- **Call for Public Testimony**
 - N/A
- **Other Business**
 - M.J. Terrebonne: On iPad - CMS Medicaid covered outpatient prescription drug reimbursement information by state, Quarter ending June 2025.
- **Future Meeting Dates**
 - The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025, at 9:00 AM at the LIPA office.
- **Adjournment**
 - The meeting was adjourned at 10:25. a.m.