

Physician Administered Medication

The MCO shall cover medically necessary physician-administered medications that are reimbursable in Louisiana Medicaid. For those medications that are on the Louisiana Medicaid FFS fee schedules, the MCO shall also cover them in the medical benefit. The MCO may also elect to cover these medications in the pharmacy benefit. For those medications that are not on the Louisiana Medicaid FFS fee schedules, the MCO may cover them in either the medical benefit, the pharmacy benefit, or both.

Physician administered medication that are included on the PDL shall have the same preferred status and prior authorization criteria as the PDL, even when billed and paid as a medical benefit.

At a minimum, administration of the medication may be billed using the lowest level office visit (CPT procedure code 99211) if a higher-level evaluation and management visit has not been submitted for that date by the rendering provider. Any alternative reimbursement for medication administration must be equivalent to or greater than the reimbursement for CPT code 99211.

The MCO shall apply edits for physician-administered drugs, updated quarterly, based on the CMS NDC-HCPCS Crosswalk file.