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Medicaid Pharmacy Carve-Out

Important:
The Fee-for-Service Trial (10/1/21-2021-22) enacted budget delays the transition of the Medicaid Pharmacy benefit to the managed care model. The Medicaid Pharmacy Program by two years, until **April 1, 2023.**

Effective May 1, 2021, Medicaid members enrolled in mainstream Medicaid Managed Care (MC) Plans, Health and Recovery Plans (HARPs), and Health and Recovery Plans (HCBS) will receive their pharmacy benefits through the Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) Pharmacy Program instead of through their Medicaid MC Plan. This guidance provides information on what was provided in the *Medicaid Update Special Edition – Part One*, issued Friday, December 18, 2020.

Information for Pharmacies

Determining a Member's Identification (ID) Number and Checking Eligibility

Pharmacies will use the member's Medicaid ID number to submit a pharmacy claim (aka: *Pharmacy Claim*) that directly pharmacies to bill the FFS Pharmacy Program instead of the managed care MC Plan ID card number. The Client Identification Number (CIN), which is unique to Medicaid members, and should be used to bill FFS. While in some cases, the CIN may be embedded in the member Medicaid MC Plan ID Number it is always represented in this format: **AAA111234**. The CIN can be found, as **Member ID** on the Medicaid Fee-for-Service Health Benefit Identification Card (EBIC).

The chart shown below illustrates where the CIN can be found on each plan ID card, marked in the red NYS Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) Pharmacy Benefit Information Cards and on the Fee-for-Service cards. NYS DOH will provide the member data-level messaging file with the new Medicaid MC Plans, starting May 1, 2021.

Medicaid MC Plan ID Card

Plan Name	Member ID# CIN Is Bold, Embedded in Plan ID# or CIN Shown Separately on Plan Card
Aetna	CIN Shown Separately in Plan Card
Amerigroup	Member Plan ID# CIN
Amida	Embedded in Member Plan ID#
CDPHP/Health	Member Plan ID# CIN
Fidelis	CIN Shown Separately in Plan Card
Excellus	Member Plan ID# CIN
HealthPlus	Member Plan ID# CIN
HealthNow	Member Plan ID# CIN
Independent Health	Embedded in Member's Plan ID#
MVP Health	Member Plan ID# CIN
Molina	Member Plan ID# CIN
UCP	Member Plan ID# CIN
United Healthcare	CIN Shown Separately in Plan Card
WellCare	Member Plan ID# CIN

Pharmacists may also conduct an eligibility check and/or obtain the member's CIN, by using one of the methods in the chart below. When submitting FFS pharmacy claims, the CIN will be used to bill the FFS Pharmacy Program instead of the member's managed care MC Plan ID number. The CIN is required, however, the member's managed care MC Plan ID number may also be required. Refer to the *Medicaid Update Special Edition – Part One* issued February 2021 for more information on the Medicaid Computer Assisted Retrieval Program by calling (800) 342-3333 to obtain their CIN.

Methods to Check Eligibility or Obtain the CIN:

Method	Summary	Resources
5 Transaction Pharmacy Eligibility Verification System	**Eligibility Verification System** Instructions to complete this transaction are found in the Pharmacy Provider Manual.	NYS DOH Electronic Health Care Transaction Standards and Operating Rules Fee-for-Service (FFS) Pharmacy Provider Manual
eRADES	Providers must have an eRADES account and the Medicaid Mainframe Security Profile. **Obtain CIN** Search by Last Name • DOB • SSN • Gender **Eligibility Verification** Search by Member Name • DOB • SSN or CIN • Gender	eRADES Login webpage eRADES MEVS Eligibility Request Instructional document
Touchtone Telephone Verification System	**Eligibility Verification** Providers must have the following information: • CIN • Provider's National Provider Identifier (NPI) • DR MMIS Provider ID • Ordering Provider NPI (if applicable)	NYS Pharmacy MEVS Instructions for Completing a Telephone Transaction Instructional document

Identifying Transition Fills

Per Medicaid Update Issue 1 of the December 2020 Special Edition issue of the Medicaid Update, a one-time "transition fill" will be allowed for certain chronic or episodic or acute diseases/ailments. These transition fills can be identified as a retrieval review. Pharmacists may work with the patient and physician on future prior authorization (PA) requests in where appropriate, medication changes and/or medication adherence.

The eRADES program is current with all operating systems except Microsoft Edge, which uses "MM" – Cited year under the prior transition benefit period, otherwise claim would have rejected as PA is required.

Billing for Medicaid Fee-for-Service Pharmacy Claims

Pharmacy claims for the *Medicaid Benefits Secured*, services that are administered by pharmacists are subject to the carve-out and should be billed to FFS. Policy and billing instructions for administration of COVID-19 vaccines can be found within the NYS *Medicaid Coverage Policy and Billing Guidance for the Administration of COVID-19 Vaccine*. Pharmacists should continue to bill for services that are not carved out of the managed care MC Plan benefit to the FFS Program. For more information on Pharmacy Benefits and Billing, refer to the *Pharmacy Provider Manual*.

Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) - Coverage and Billing Guidance

- The *Scope of Benefits Secured*, provides a complete list of services that are subject to the carve-out. Items that are not subject to the carve-out are still covered by managed care MC plans and need to be submitted to managed care MC plans for reimbursement.
- The items subject to the carve-out are contained in Appendix C, PA and Prior Approval (PA) Guidance for DMEPOS. Items that are not subject to the carve-out are still covered by managed care MC plans and need to be submitted to managed care MC plans for reimbursement.
- The items in sections 4.4., 4.5., 4.6., and 4.7. of the *Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, Supplies – Coverage Guidelines* document are subject to the carve-out. Pharmacists should refer to the *Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, Supplies – Coverage Guidelines* document to determine if a specific item is subject to the carve-out. Pharmacists should work with report messages received and take action.

Claim Format	Instructions
NCPDP and 837P claim	When billing electronically for medical supplies: • Use the NCPDP Payer Sheet Control Number (PCN) assigned to the first-iteration claim from the NCPDP Payer Sheet Control Number Crosswalk (posted in the last five quarters of the MAC file). • Use the NCPDP Payer Sheet Instructions D.0 837 and Professional D (Dualities, 4.8.0) Implementation Guide, Version 1.0 for the electronic submission of claims. Refer to the Coverage and Limitations Documents (Coverage Guidelines - Ophthalmic Frame, Coverage Guidelines - Prosthetic Shoes, Coverage Guidelines - Diabetic Shoes) and the Medicaid Fee-for-Service Provider Manual for claim and billing information.
Professional/Institutional Claim Format 837	When billing by paper, refer to the NYS eMedNY Billing Guidelines document.
Professional/Institutional Claim Format 837 or paper 1500/UB04	Refer to the NYS Medicaid Managed Care Benefits – DMEPOS Orthopedic Footwear, Orthotics and Prosthetics Billing Guidance.
Point of Service Claims (aka POS) Real-time DMEPOS claims submissions	Refer to the Point of Service Real-Time Claim Submission Process Guide.

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Medical Category of Service (COS)	Message
Medical	Dispense Brand Drug Instead of General Drug Code
	Cost Exceeds Maximum

Brand Less Than General (BLTG) Program

The BLTG Program is a program that promotes the use of certain multi-source brand name drugs when the cost of the brand name drug is less expensive than the generic equivalent. For a current listing of brand name drugs included in the BLTG Program, refer to the Brand Less Than General Program webpage.

Pharmacists will receive the following denial message when submitting claims for generic drugs in the BLTG program: "Dispense Brand Drug Instead of General Drug". Pharmacists may choose to dispense a brand name drug instead of a generic drug.

Pharmacy Claim Denial Message:

Code	Message
NCPDP Response Code 569-Payer Defined	"569" - Dispense Brand Drug Instead of General Drug
NCPDP Reject Code 76-Plan Limitation	"76" - Cost Exceeds Maximum

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Medicaid Fee-for-Service

Please visit the Medicaid Fee-for-Service Trial Carve-Out Special Edition webpage for more information.

Prescription Limits Change — Duration and Refills

Effective April 1, 2021, the limits on refills and days supply will be changed for up to one year from the date issued. After the prescription expires, a new prescription will be required. Refills will be limited to the remaining days supply and quantity of the original prescription. This is a change from the current FFS practice, where prescriptions are valid for only six months and must be filled within 60 days of the date issued.

Updates to the Medicaid Fee-for-Service List of Medication Prior Approvals

NYS DOH recognizes the need for certain drugs requiring administration by a practitioner to be available through the Medical and Pharmacy Benefit. NYS DOH will continue to review and update the Medicaid Fee-for-Service List of Medication Prior Approvals (PA) on a quarterly basis.

NYS DOH analyzed practitioner administered drugs that are provided as a pharmacy benefit through the Medicaid MC Plans. As a result of this analysis, NYS DOH will add PA requirements for certain drugs. Prior approval (PA) will be required for the following drugs when administered by a practitioner and a Pharmacy Benefit must be delivered by the pharmacy directly to the site of administration. Requirements for delivery can be found in the Medicaid Fee-for-Service Pharmacy Provider Manual. Prior approval (PA) will be granted for a period of six months, unless a different duration is specified.

Diabetic Supplies

Effective April 1, 2021, Medicaid Pharmacy covers a number of diabetic supply items that are subject to the carve-out. Diabetic Glucagon and Diabetic Test Strips are being made available through the Medicaid Fee-for-Service Pharmacy Program. Refer to the Medicaid Fee-for-Service Pharmacy Provider Manual for information on the Medicaid Fee-for-Service Pharmacy Program. Refer to the Medicaid Fee-for-Service Pharmacy Provider Manual for information on the Medicaid Fee-for-Service Pharmacy Program.

Diabetic Supplies covered by managed care MC plans are listed below. While this process takes longer than the FFS process, no additional enrollment action will be required where the FFS exists.

- Blood glucose monitors and monitoring supplies
- Select Preferred Test Strips (Prior Approval Required)
- Select private brand preferred products (private logo)

Podiatrists, Dentists, Optometrists, Ophthalmologists, Certified Nurse Midwives

Podiatrists, Dentists, Optometrists, Ophthalmologists, Certified Nurse Midwives may enroll using the process described below. When using this process, no additional enrollment action will be required where the FFS exists.

- Visit eMedNY's Provider Enrollment and Maintenance webpage
- Click on the "Enrollment Forms" link on the right-hand side of the page
- Select private licensed professional (provider type)

Full enrollment as a Medicaid FFS billing provider can also be completed. Providers that wish to bill the FFS program for all covered services, in addition to prescribing. Information regarding how to enroll as a Medicaid FFS billing provider can be found on the eMedNY Provider and Maintenance Billing Medical web page. When using this process, no additional enrollment action will be required where the FFS exists.

Pharmacies

Pharmacies are currently enrolled to the FFS program, that wish to continue to service NYS Medicaid MC members, will need to complete the Medicaid Managed Care Pharmacy Benefit Information Form and submit it to the managed care MC plan(s) in which they are contracted with. Pharmacies that wish to participate in the managed care MC Pharmacy Benefit, should contact managed care MC plans directly.

The following process is for pharmacies that are not currently enrolled to submit enrollment applications via the Medicaid Managed Care Pharmacy Benefit Information Form. Enrollment applications through the COVID-19 FFS portal, Enrolling through this portal allows for a quicker turnaround time. Pharmacies should use the COVID-19 FFS portal, if they are currently enrolled in the Medicaid FFS program. Refer to the COVID-19 FFS Provider Guide for more information on the COVID-19 FFS web page. Please note, providers will be required to validate their account with a Verification Code sent to the e-mail used to sign up.

Pharmacies not currently enrolling in the COVID-19 FFS portal, please contact the eMedNY Call Center at (800) 343-9600 or visit eMedNY's Provider Enrollment and Maintenance webpage.

DMEPOS Providers

The updated DMEPOS Provider Enrollment Policy can be found within the *NYS Medicaid Program Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Manual Policy Guidance Document*. DMEPOS providers that are located outside NYS may apply for enrollment if they meet the newly established requirements. Providers located within NYS must continue to be enrolled in the Medicaid program to be eligible to provide services to Medicaid recipients. Additional information can be found within the DME Provider Manual. Providers can submit a request for enrollment through the Medicaid Program Enrollment Request Form located on the NYS Medicaid Program DME Medical Supplies webpage.

Information about the DME application process can be found on the eMedNY Provider Enrollment and Maintenance DME web page.

Physician Disagreements

Per Medicaid Update Issue 1 of the December 2020 Special Edition issue of the Medicaid Update, Providers are already enrolled in Medicaid FFS and are ordering, prescribing, or performing services for Medicaid Managed Care Benefits Secured Scope of Services (BMS or DSS), may apply as a Physician Designee, by completing the *Request for Disagreement Form*. Refer to the Medicaid Update for more information.

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Appendix A: PA Guidance for DMEPOS

DMEPOS billing identifier found in the NYS Medicaid Program DMEPOS Prior Approval Codes and Coverage Guidance document

Prior Approval Process	Resources
HCPCS code is preceded by a prefix **PA** Submitted through the Dispensing Practitioner Support Portal (dPACES)	• Used to obtain advanced authorizations for equipment and supplies. • Refer to the Medicaid Fee-for-Service Provider Manual for Transactions & New Hub Technical Flow of Changes on eMEDS web page. • For HCPCS Drug codes, please refer to the Drug Step Instructions for dPACES (PA/DV) - DME PC document.
HCPCS Code is underlined	• NYS DOH staff review to determine medically reasonably or quantity of equipment or supplies.
Prior Authorization Submitted on paper, by a Healthcare Provider, using the Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) transaction or electronically using dPACES	• For DME PA process, refer to the NYS Medicaid Program DME PA Guidance document. • For dPACES PA guidance, refer to the Step-by-Step Instructions for dPACES (PA/DV) - DME PC document. • For dPACES PA/DV guidance, refer to the Step-by-Step Instructions for dPACES (PA/DV) - DME PC document.
Prior Approval	• Refer to the form **(DMDDV-3018E)** to paper submission(s) are available by contacting eMedNY at (800) 343-9600 or at the following address: eMedNY PO Box 4900, Rensselaer, NY 12144-4900 For instructions on completing paper PA forms, refer to the NYS Medicaid Program DME PA Guidance document.
HCPCS Code is preceded by an asterisk (*)	• **External Formula only** • Refer to the Medicaid Fee-for-Service Provider Manual for information and guidance on authorization number and expiration date. • Use the Medicaid Fee-for-Service Portal and complete the transaction. • Refer to the Medicaid Pharmacy External Formula PA Processing Document and External Formula PA Dispenser Worksheet are available to assist in the PA process. • PA requests for all requests that cannot be completed through the IVR.

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Appendix B: Resources

Topic	Description	Contact Information	Website Links
Claims Processing for Outpatient Pharmacy Benefits	Questions regarding billing and claims processing, including claim adjudication and rejections	eMedNY Support (800) 343-9600, Option 1	General information found on the eMedNY Medical page eMedNY General page
Prior Authorization for Drugs	Questions regarding PA or Prospective Drug Review (PDR) requirements, prior edits or medication quantity limits	eMedNY Pharmacy Help Desk (800) 343-9600, Option 2	eMedNY Pharmacy Manual web page
Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies	Questions regarding DME PA, DME coverage criteria, and leasing vs. purchase	DME Unit DMEPA@health.ny.gov	NYS DOH NCPDP D.0 Standard Implementation Guide NYS DOH Medicaid Program
Pharmacy Carve-Out Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)	FAQs		Transition (Carve-Out) of the Pharmacy Benefit from MC to FFS - FAQs (Medicaid Update)
Eligibility Verification and eRADES	Questions related to eRADES access, or to obtain CIN by performing MEVS transactions	**Eligibility Support** eMedNY Support (800) 343-9600 Touchtone Telephone Verification System (800) 342-3333	eRADES HelpLogin web page NYS Pharmacy MEVS Instructions for Completing a Telephone Transaction document
Member's Restricted Recipient Program	Providers may direct member's questions regarding their Medicaid Managed Care Benefits to the NYSDOH Ombudsman for assistance.	Office of Medicaid Inspector General (877) 87-FRAUD	N/A
Policy and Program Information			
NYS Preferred Drug List (PDL)	Questions related to the NYS List of drugs/dosages subject to the NYS Medicaid Prior Approval (PA) Program	Magellan Health, Inc.'s NYS Medicaid Pharmacy Help desk (877) 309-9400	Magellan Health, Inc.'s NYS Medicaid Pharmacy Program web page
Medicaid List of Noncreditable Drugs (Formulary)	Providers may review the Medicaid Pharmacy List of Noncreditable Drugs (Formulary)	Questions may be directed to PTRG@health.ny.gov.	eMedNY - Medicaid Pharmacy List of Noncreditable Drugs web page
Medicaid Pharmacy Program, Policy and Coverage	Questions related to the Medicaid Drug Pricing Cap or Medicaid Pharmacy Policy	Pharmacy Bureau: (518) 486-3208 PTRG@health.ny.gov	NYS DOH Medicaid Pharmacy Program web page
Provider Enrollment	Questions regarding provider and NPI termination questions	eMedNY Help Desk (800) 343-9600, Option 2 Provider.Enrollment@health.ny.gov	eMedNY Provider Enrollment and Maintenance home page
Provider Manuals (Physician, Pharmacy, DME, etc.), and Fee Schedules	The Provider Manuals tab has a variety of provider manuals, for example billing guidelines, provider enrollment, fee schedules, etc. for each provider type.	N/A	eMedNY's Provider Manuals web page eMedNY's General Billing Guidelines document
Training			
Provider Outreach and Training	Providers may visit the training webcast to view eMedNY trainings available.	N/A	eMedNY's Provider Training web page

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Appendix C: Member Fact Sheet

Member Fact Sheet

Please share the Member Fact Sheet to provide members with the resources and information they need regarding the carve-out. A print-friendly version of the Member Fact Sheet is available in multiple languages on the eMedNY Member Medicaid Pharmacy Benefit web page.

Provider Directory

- **Office of the Medicaid Inspector General:**
  For suspected fraud or abuse concerns/allegations, call 1-877-87FRAUD, (877) 873-7283, or visit Office of Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) web site.
- **Provider Manuals/Fee Schedules/Coverage Guides, Enrollment Information/Forms/Training Schedules:**
  Please visit the eMedNY website.
- **Providers wishing to focus on the current week's check/EFT amounts:**
  Please call (866) 3267-3549 (available Thursday PM for one week for the current week's amount).
- **For questions about billing and performing MEVS transactions:**
  Please call the eMedNY Call Center at (800) 343-9600.
- **Provider Training:**
  Please enroll online for a provider seminar. For information training, call (800) 343-9000.
- **Beneficiary Eligibility:**
  Call the Touchtone Telephone Verification System at (800) 997-1111.
- **Medicaid Prescriber Education Program:**
  For current information on best practices in pharmacotherapy, please visit the following websites:
  - OVC Prescriber Education Program page
  - Prescriber Education Program in partnership with SUNY.
- **eMedNY**
  For a number of services, including change of address, updating an enrollment file due to an ownership change, or requesting a copy of a remittance advice, please visit the eMedNY's Provider Enrollment page and choose the appropriate form for your transaction.
- **NY Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program:**
  Contact the New York Medicaid EHR Call Center at (877) 646-5410 for assistance.
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