

## Pharmacy Update

# New York State Medicaid Managed Care Pharmacy Benefit Information Center Behavioral Health Update

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The New York State Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) Pharmacy Benefit Information Center web site has been updated to include additional information regarding the drug classes affected by the Behavioral Health Transition.

As referenced in the [October 2015](#) Medicaid Update, this web site has been updated to provide a link (highlighted below), from the **HOME PAGE**, that will direct you to a MMC Plan's specific information regarding its coverage of relevant drug classes.

**General Pharmacy Benefit Information**  
**Medicaid Covered Drugs**  
**Prior Authorization Form**  
**Behavioral Health Transition**  
**Drug Look-Up**

This site also provides a "drug look-up" option, and functionality to view coverage for selected therapeutic classes; e.g., Atypical Antipsychotics, Smoking Cessation Agents and Drugs to Treat Chemical Dependence.

From the DRUG LOOK-UP page select the **Mental Health Quicklist** tab to find the recently added Injectable Antipsychotics list.

The screenshot shows a web interface with three tabs: "Search By Name", "Mental Health Quicklist", and "Therapeutic Classes, Other". Below the tabs is a text box with the instruction: "If you want to search a specific drug category on the Quicklist, please check the category or categories you would like and click the Begin Look-Up button." The "Mental Health Quicklist" section contains a list of drug categories with checkboxes:

- Antipsychotics - 2nd Generation
- Central Nervous System (CNS) Stimulants
- Other Agents ADHD
- Sedatives Hypnotics/Sleep Agents
- Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs)
- Serotonin-Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors (SNRIs)
- Injectable Antipsychotics \*Recently added\***

At the bottom of the list is a checkbox labeled "Select/Unselect All" and a "Begin Look-Up" button.

Select the **Therapeutic Classes, Other** tab and find the recently added Smoking Cessation and Drugs to Treat Chemical Dependence lists.

Search By Name	Mental Health Quicklist	Therapeutic Classes, Other
<p>If you want to search a specific drug category on the Quicklist, please check the category or categories you would like and click the Begin Look-Up button.</p>		
<p><b>Additional drug therapeutic classes</b></p>		
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Anticonvulsants - Second Generation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis C Agents - Direct Acting Antivirals</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Smoking Cessation</b> *Recently added*</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Drugs to Treat Chemical Dependence</b> *Recently added*</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Anticoagulants</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Antiplatelet</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Carbamazepine Derivatives</p>		
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Select/Unselect All</p>		
<p>Begin Look-Up</p>		

Once you select a drug list to view there is additional information below the list about the transition as well as a link to the FAQ page.

**Important Coverage Notes Regarding Results of Drug Look-Up Function:**

- Results reflect coverage under the Medicaid Managed Care plan's outpatient pharmacy benefit and may include drugs that are only available through a plan's Specialty Pharmacy Network. Refer to plans' [website](#) for specific instructions.
- Results are not inclusive of all covered practitioner administered or certain over-the-counter drugs and or supplies. Additional drugs may be covered as a medical benefit. Please refer to the plan's website for more detailed information on physician administered drugs available as a medical benefit.
- Coverage for risperidone microspheres (Risperdal<sup>®</sup> Consta<sup>®</sup>), paliperidone palmitate (Invega<sup>®</sup> Sustenna<sup>®</sup>), olanzapine (Zyprexa<sup>®</sup> Relprevv<sup>™</sup>), aripiprazole (Abilify Maintena<sup>®</sup>) and naltrexone (Vivitrol<sup>®</sup>) is dependent on a member's qualification for Social Security Income (SSI), geographic location and age, as indicated in the chart below (as of 10/1/2015).

Member Qualified for Social Security Income (SSI) or is SSI Related?	Member's Geographic Location	Age	Coverage Provided By
No	Entire State	All Ages	Medicaid Managed Care Plan
Yes	New York City	21 or older	Medicaid Managed Care Plan
Yes	New York City	20 or younger	Medicaid Fee-For-Service
Yes	Outside of New York City	All Ages	Medicaid Fee-For-Service

For additional information on the Behavioral Health Carve-In please see our [FAQ page](#).

The New York State MMC Pharmacy Benefit Information Center is updated frequently. Visit the site for the most up-to-date information. <http://pbic.nysdoh.suny.edu/>

For More information on the Behavioral Health Transition see the September 2015 issue of the Medicaid Update. [http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/program/update/2015/sept15\\_mu.pdf](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/update/2015/sept15_mu.pdf)

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