

PHARMACY FACTS

Program Updates from Louisiana Medicaid

January 29, 2021

Naloxone Standing Order

The Naloxone Standing Order for calendar year 2021 has been renewed by Dr. James Hussey, Medical Director of the Office of Behavioral Health. It is posted on the Pharmacy page under **Pharmacy News**. The direct link to the document is www.ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/NaloxoneStandingOrder.pdf and it has also been updated on the Opioids webpage <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/subhome/54>.

Vaccine Update

Effective December 23, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and Public Health Emergency (PHE), the Louisiana Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) Pharmacy Program and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) are covering the administration fee for the COVID-19 vaccine. The federal government covers the cost of the COVID-19 vaccine. Therefore, Louisiana Medicaid will reimburse enrolled pharmacies the **administration fee only**. The first dose administration fee is \$15.92 and the second dose administration fee is \$26.68 for the COVID-19 vaccines. Please refer to https://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Pharmacy/FFS_and_MCO_COVID_19_Vaccines.pdf for more information.

Just a reminder to make sure when entering COVID-19 vaccines into your computer system, please use the pharmacist as the servicing provider and **NOT** the pharmacy. Also, if you receive the rejection payable under Part D, please make sure to run the COVID-19 vaccine under the recipient's Part D coverage.

Louisiana Medicaid Annual Recertification

Louisiana Medicaid drafted an editable PDF for providers to update and electronically sign with correct information and return by email with supporting documentation. Louisiana Medicaid will allow three months from the date the editable PDF is sent for providers to submit the requested recertification documents by March 31, 2021. Providers should have started to receive emails from Louisiana Medicaid around the first week of December. ***These emails came from Roderick Anderson (roderick.anderson@la.gov), Karlissea Hives (karlissea.hives@la.gov), Korisma Wesley (korisma.wesley@la.gov) or Keturah Thomas (keturah.thomas@la.gov) who are all members of the Pharmacy Help Desk.*** Please make sure to check your spam folders for any of these email addresses.

To confirm that Louisiana Medicaid has your correct email address on file, please send a message to roderick.anderson@la.gov, providing the email address where your recertification information should be sent. If you have additional questions or concerns, you may also contact the Pharmacy Help Desk at (800) 648-0790.

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Diabetic Quantity Limit and Diagnosis Code Follow-Up Guidance

FFS and MCOs are using a new policy titled Quantity Limits for Diabetic Test Strips and Lancets (<https://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/PDL/12.1.2020/Diabetes.Strips.Lancets.Quantity.Limit.11192020.pdf>) effective 1/1/21. Contact the Pharmacy Help Desk at (800) 648-0790 with billing issues.

Preferred Drug List (PDL)

The new PDL went into place on January 1, 2021. Please refer to the PDL static link for more information <https://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf>

