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Single Preferred Drug List

Effective October 1, 2020, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will implement a Single Pharmacy Drug List (PDL) for all Michigan Medicaid Health Plans for Medicaid members. This change does not apply to Molina Medicare Complete Care, Molina Dual Options MI Health Link (MMP), or Molina Marketplace members.

The goals of this initiative include:



Reducing administrative burden for providers by simplifying and streamlining the prescribing and prior authorization processes



Allowing for a standard process across Michigan Medicaid Fee-for Service (FFS) and Managed Care Plans (MCP) to support population health initiatives



Clinical coordination of care for Michigan's Medicaid population



Minimizing member disruption across MCPs

Beginning October 1, 2020, all Michigan Medicaid MCPs and Michigan FFS will prefer the same medications and use the same prior authorization criteria for most drug categories. Molina is corresponding with Medicaid members and physicians who have specific members affected by this change.

Prescribers may need to transition certain patients from their current medication(s) or complete a new prior authorization for the patient to stay on his/her current medication(s). Current prior authorization will expire and will need to be re-requested. Major drug classes include: insulin, antidiabetics, respiratory, multiple sclerosis, and biologics. Selected drugs and classes remain carved out from the managed care plan coverage and are paid directly to a pharmacy by the MDHHS fee-for service program. This list is available at https://michigan.fhsc.com/Providers/DrugInfo.asp.

The Single PDL also prefers many medications to be dispensed as Brand even if there is a generic available. "D.A.W" is not required to be written on the prescription for the pharmacist to dispense the Brand name medication. Members who are currently receiving generics of these medications will be switched to Brand on 10/1/20.

We realize this represents a change for you and your patients and thank you in advance for your cooperation. Providers may refer to the MDHHS Medicaid Preferred Drug list: https://michigan.magellanrx.com/provider/external/medicaid/mi/doc/en-us/MIRx_PDL.pdf or can contact MDHHSPharmacyServices@michigan.gov or MDHHSCommonFormulary@michigan.gov with questions or concerns.

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