

Provider Memorandum

Single Preferred Drug List Effective January 1, 2020

Beginning January 1, 2020, all Illinois Medicaid health plans and the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) will use a single Preferred Drug List or formulary (PDL) for Medicaid patients.

About the Preferred Drug List

The new preferred drug list means all Illinois Medicaid health plans, including Molina Healthcare of Illinois (Molina), will use a standard drug list. This simplified approach will help both prescribers and members by assuring them they do not have to navigate multiple processes to get the same prescription filled. Members who receive both Medicaid and Medicare benefits will not be affected by this change.

If a Member Changes Plans

In cases where a Medicaid member changes plans, the member will not be required to change medications.

Effect on Prior Authorization

Due to the single PDL implementation, some medications will no longer require Prior Authorization (PA) that previously required approval and some medications will now require PA that did not previously require approval. Impacted members will receive a letter notifying them of this change. If your patient is a Molina member and you feel he/she should stay on a prescribed medication that now requires prior authorization, please request a prior authorization by faxing a [Pharmacy Prior Authorization form](#) with supporting documentation to (855) 365-8112. We will work with you to make sure our members have the medications they need.

At this time, medications in the following categories currently prescribed to members will allow continued coverage without the need for additional prior authorization: HIV, Hepatitis B and C, Anticonvulsants, Antidepressants, Antipsychotics, Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension, ADHD, Asthma, Anticoagulants, Antidiabetics, Immunosuppressive agents, Multiple Sclerosis and others.

Additional Information

As updated information is available regarding the PDL, it will be posted on the [HFS website](#) and www.MolinaHealthcare.com. You can also view the current HFS PDL on their website.

Questions

If you have any additional questions, please contact Molina at (855) 866-5462 and speak with a Medicaid pharmacy representative.

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