

PHARMACY FACTS

Program Updates from Louisiana Medicaid

November 20, 2024

NADAC Rate Changes

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has alerted states that National Average Drug Acquisition Cost (NADAC) rates for some generic drugs in the November file have decreased due to increased chain pharmacy participation in the NADAC rate survey. The effective date of the new rates will be November 20, 2024.

Prime Therapeutics NDC Drug Lookup

Prime Therapeutics has a drug lookup tool that searches by drug name or National Drug Code (NDC) to see Medicaid payable status: <https://www.lamcopbmpharmacy.com/drug-lookup>.

Preferred Drug List Updates for January 1, 2025

Beginning January 1, 2025, Louisiana Medicaid is implementing changes to the Single Preferred Drug List (PDL). The redlined draft version is posted at:

https://ldh.la.gov/assets/medicaid/PharmPC/11_14_24/PDL.Jan.1.2025.redline.pdf.

Most of the brand drugs that were previously preferred over the generic versions will be moved to a non-preferred status. Revlimid brand will remain co-preferred with the generic version.

Pharmacies are advised to begin preparing for the January PDL implementation now with any necessary inventory adjustments.

Open Enrollment

Reminder: Open Enrollment began October 15, 2024, and ends at 6 p.m. on December 2, 2024. Open Enrollment is the only time Medicaid members can change health plans or dental plans without a qualifying reason, outside of their initial enrollment period. Any changes made during this period will be effective starting January 1, 2025.

[Informational Bulletin 24-33](#) provides details on the Open Enrollment period. Pharmacy providers are encouraged to download the [Open Enrollment Informational Flyer](#) for display.

Letters with information about the plans and instructions for how to change plans during Open Enrollment were mailed in August to all members who are included in this Open Enrollment period. Members can change their health or dental plan by completing and returning the form included with their letter by mail or fax, on the Healthy Louisiana mobile app, online at myplan.healthy.la.gov, or by calling toll-free 1-855-229-6848. The Healthy Louisiana mobile app is free and available for download on [Apple](#) and [Android](#) devices.