

PHARMACY FACTS

Program Updates from Louisiana Medicaid

August 14, 2025

Act 711: Pharmacist-Initiated HIV PrEP and PEP

Act 711 of the 2024 Regular Session authorizes pharmacists in Louisiana to dispense human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) pre-exposure and post-exposure prophylaxis for individuals aged seventeen and older. A standing order for HIV Pre and Post-Exposure prophylaxis medications has been created by LDH. In addition, the legislation mandates that pharmacists complete a training program approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). This training may take place as a stand-alone course or as part of an equivalent curriculum-based training program offered by an ACPE-accredited school of pharmacy. The statewide protocol provides additional details about the content and record keeping requirements related to this training.

Below is a link to a webpage that houses Act 711 resources:

<https://louisianahealthhub.org/act711/>

The link contains the statewide protocol. This protocol section contains:

- The legislation
- The statewide protocol/rules (please see pages 668-673)
 - This statewide protocol establishes the rules a Louisiana-licensed pharmacist (“pharmacist”) shall follow to dispense and/or administer pre-exposure and post-exposure prophylaxis medications for the prevention of HIV infection pursuant to Act 711 of 2024 (R.S. 37:1218.2).
 - Pharmacists may dispense and administer HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) medication(s) approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to eligible patients according to the indications and recommendations in the current guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Contraindications should be considered before the medication is dispensed and/or administered.
- A sample protocol review attestation form
 - Pharmacists shall maintain a signed attestation of review of this statewide protocol signed by the participating pharmacist with their training certifications. This attestation must be made available upon request of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy (LABP).
- The standing order for HIV Pre and Post-Exposure prophylaxis medications

There are also further links to available trainings, resources, and referrals.

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October 1, 2025: Transition to MCO PBMs

On October 1, 2025, the pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) for most Medicaid members will change. Medicaid will discontinue its single PBM and each health plan will handle pharmacy services for their members, including prior authorizations, claims and prescription coverage.

This change does not apply to fee-for-service (FFS) members or members who have behavioral-health-only coverage through their Medicaid health plan.

Pharmacies and members can expect to receive communication, including MCO member ID cards, from the MCOs starting on 8/22/2025.

<https://ldh.la.gov/medicaid/PBMtransition>

LDH Pharmacy Page

The LDH website has been redesigned for a more modern and user-friendly experience. Please see the updated pharmacy page: <https://ldh.la.gov/Pharmacy>