

Physician Administered ~~Medication~~Drugs

The MCO shall only cover medically necessary rebate eligible physician-administered ~~medications~~ drugs. ~~that are reimbursable in Louisiana Medicaid. For those medications that are on the~~ The MCOs shall cover all drugs on the Louisiana Medicaid FFS fee schedules, ~~the MCO shall also cover them in the~~ as a medical benefit. The MCO may also elect to cover these ~~medications~~ drugs in the pharmacy benefit. For those ~~medications~~ rebate eligible drugs that are not on the Louisiana Medicaid FFS fee schedules, the MCO may cover them in either the medical benefit, the pharmacy benefit, or both.

Physician administered ~~medication~~ drugs that are included on the PDL shall have the same preferred status and prior authorization criteria as the PDL, even when billed and paid as a medical benefit (except Antiemetic/Antivertigo Agents therapeutic class). According to Social Security Act 1927 (d)(5)(A), a prior authorization response for a drug shall be provided by telephone or other telecommunication device within 24 hours of a request for prior authorization.

At a minimum, administration of the ~~medication~~ drug may be billed using the lowest level office visit (CPT procedure code 99211) if a higher-level evaluation and management visit has not been submitted for that date by the rendering provider. Any alternative reimbursement for ~~medication~~ drug administration must be equivalent to or greater than the reimbursement for CPT code 99211.

The MCO shall apply edits for physician-administered drugs, updated quarterly, based on the CMS NDC-HCPCS Crosswalk file.