

MEDICAID POLICY CHANGE

IMMINENT PERIL JUSTIFICATION

September 25, 2019

SUSPENDING AGENTS:

POLICY CHANGE:

Fee-For-Service Medicaid is adding suspending agents to its pharmacy coverage.

JUSTIFICATION:

Earlier this year, the state implemented a single Preferred Drug List (PDL) that requires all five Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) to comply with the preferred status of drugs on the Medicaid Fee-For-Service pharmacy program PDL. Prior to this, all five MCOs covered suspending agents. In order to prevent interruptions in care, and to facilitate the ability for patients on feeding tubes to be able to get necessary and vital medications, Fee-For-Service Medicaid is adding suspending agents to its pharmacy coverage. Without suspending agents, these vulnerable recipients will be unable to take maintenance medications that are vital for a healthy lifestyle and that treat chronic conditions. There is an imminent peril to the welfare of these recipients who require these agents. In order to ensure they have continued access, coverage is needed in Fee-For-Service as soon as possible.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

October 1, 2019