



Medicaid Fee- for- Service Providers Dispense Brand Name Drug when Less Expensive than Generic Program

Effective **November 5, 2020**, the following changes will be made to the Dispense Brand Name Drug when Less Expensive than the Generic Program:

- **Bethkis, Ciprodex and Tecfidera** will be **ADDED** to the program.
- **Aptensio XR, Butrans, Elidel, Firazyr, Humalog Jr, Humalog 75/25 Mix KwikPen, Letairis, Lexiva tabs, Norvir tabs, Novolog cartridge, Novolog Mix vial, and Protopic** have been **REMOVED** from the program.

In conformance with State Education Law which intends that patients receive the lower cost alternative, brand name drugs included in this program:

- **Do not require ‘Dispense as Written’ (DAW) or ‘Brand Medically Necessary’ on the prescription.**
- Have a generic copayment.
- Are paid at the Brand Name Drug reimbursement rate or usual and customary price, whichever is lower (SMAC/FUL are not applied).
- Do not require a new prescription if the drug is removed from this program.

IMPORTANT BILLING INFORMATION

Pursuant to this program prescription claims submitted to the Medicaid program **do not require** the submission of Dispense as Written/Product Selection Code of ‘1’; **Pharmacies should submit DAW code 9** (Substitution Allowed by Prescriber but Plan Requests Brand). Pharmacies will receive a NCPDP reject response of “22” which means missing/invalid DAW code if other DAW codes are submitted. The only exception to this, is DAW code 1 and “*Brand Medically Necessary*” on the prescription.

List of Brand Name Drugs included in this program* (updated 10/16/2020)

Advair Diskus	Exelon Patch	Sensipar
Alphagan P 0.15%	Focalin XR	Suboxone film
Androgel pump & packets	Humalog U100 vial & 50-50 KwikPen	Symbicort
Apriso	Kitabis Pak	Tecfidera
Bethkis	Lialda**	Tegretol suspension
Catapres-TTS	Mitigare	Tracleer tablet
Cellcept suspension	Novolog 100u/ml FlexPen & vial, Mix 70/30 FlexPen	Transderm-Scop
Ciprodex	Nuvaring	Xeloda
Concerta**	ProAir HFA	Zovirax cream
Copaxone 20mg	Rapamune solution	
Diclegis	Retin-A cream	

*List is subject to change **Concerta and Lialda were added, Fosrenol and Renagel removed on 10/8/2020 as a result of the [7/23/2020 DURB meeting](#)

Please keep in mind that drugs in this program may be subject to prior authorization requirements of other pharmacy programs, promoting the use of the most cost-effective product.