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Attention Pharmacy Providers

Effective October 1, 2018, NYS Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) will remove certain National Drug Codes (NDCs) from the formulary for which the corresponding manufacturers failed to update their Medicaid National Drug Rebate Agreement (NDRA), per Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services requirements.

On March 22, 2018, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) made available the final notice [CMS-2397-FN](#), that announced changes to the NDRA. Manufacturers with an existing active NDRA(s) have until September 30, 2018, to complete, sign and submit the updated NDRA in order to continue participation in the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program (MDRP).

The impact of these formulary changes on Medicaid FFS members is minimal, as there is low utilization for affected NDCs and all NDCs that are being removed from the formulary have equivalent or alternative covered products. Pharmacy providers may need to utilize alternate manufacturers or in some cases, work with the prescriber to obtain a new prescription for an alternative product.

Potential Labeler/Manufacturer terminations can be found here:

<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/prescription-drugs/medicaid-drug-rebate-program/national-drug-rebate-agreement/index.html>

The following reject message will be returned for Medicaid FFS claims:

NCPDP value "70"- Product/Service not Covered

This notice also applies to Medicaid Managed Care Plans who will communicate directly to their pharmacy networks.

