



Attention Pharmacy Providers- Important Information Regarding Drug Shortages as of June 2021

Due to reported market shortages and allocation constraints, Medicaid FFS relaxed prior authorization for certain non-preferred drug(s)/drug classes to ensure access to necessary medications during the COVID Declared Disaster Emergency in NY. As of June 2021, the following drug(s)/drug classes are no longer experiencing shortages. Starting on June 17, 2021 prior authorization requirements will once again apply to the following drug(s)/drug classes.

- ProAir HFA is a preferred product in the Inhaled Short-Acting Beta2 Adrenergic Therapeutic Class. The following drugs in this class will require prior authorization:
 - albuterol HFA, levalbuterol HFA, ProAir Digihaler & RespiClick, Proventil HFA, Ventolin HFA and Xopenex HFA
- Generic azithromycin is preferred over the brand products per substitution law. The following brand name drug(s) will require prior authorization:
 - Zithromax 250mg & 500mg tablets, Zithromax 1gm packet and Zithromax 100mg & 200mg suspensions
- Flovent HFA is the preferred HFA product in the Inhaled Corticosteroids Therapeutic Class. The following drugs in this class will require prior authorization:
 - Asmanex HFA
- Generic levetiracetam IR/ER are preferred products in the Anticonvulsants- Other Therapeutic Class. The following brand name drug(s) will require prior authorization:
 - Keppra and Keppra XR
- Generic methenamine tablet is preferred over the brand product per substitution law. The following brand name drug(s) will require prior authorization:
 - Hiprex

- Generic venlafaxine ER capsule is a preferred product in the Serotonin-Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitor (SNRI) Therapeutic Class. The following brand name drug(s) will require prior authorization:

- Effexor XR*

**Please note other clinical criteria may also apply*

For a complete listing of drugs in the Fee-for-Service Preferred Drug Program please visit https://newyork.fhsc.com/downloads/providers/NYRx_PDP_PDL.pdf.

For questions about the Medicaid FFS Pharmacy program, please contact: ppno@health.ny.gov.

This information has also been communicated to the Medicaid Managed Care plans. For specific Medicaid Managed Care plan formulary questions please contact the specific plan. A complete list of Medicaid Managed Care plans can be found at: <https://mmcdruginformation.nysdoh.suny.edu/>.