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

Effective **February 27, 2020**, the following changes will be made to the Dispense Brand Name Drug when Less Expensive than the Generic Program:

• Apriso and Novolog will be ADDED to 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.

Aggrenox	Focalin XR	Rapamune solution
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Alphagan P 0.15%	Fosrenol chew tablet	Renagel
Androgel pump & packets	Humalog 100u/ml vial & pen	Retin-A cream
Apriso	Letairis	Sensipar
Butrans	Lexiva Tablet	Suboxone film
Catapres-TTS	Mitigare	Symbicort
Cellcept suspension	Norvir tablet	Tegretol suspension
Copaxone 20mg	Novolog	Tracleer tablet
Diclegis	Nuvaring	Transderm-Scop
Elidel	ProAir HFA	Xeloda
Exelon Patch	Protopic	Zovirax cream

List of Brand Name Drugs included in this program* (updated 2/03/2020)

*List is subject to change

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.