

Update on Drug Coverage for the Dual Eligible Population

Only drugs that are excluded by law from being covered by the Medicare Part D plans, such as select prescription vitamins and over-the-counter drugs are covered by NYS Medicaid for dual eligible patients (Medicare/Medicaid):

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/medicaid_transition/docs/2014-01-01_medicare_exempt_drugs.pdf.

NYS Medicaid does not provide dual eligible patients with coverage of heparin, heparin flushes and sodium chloride flushes.

Effective July 1, 2014, Medicaid will enforce editing on prescriptions for heparin, heparin flushes and sodium chloride flushes for dual eligible patients. Patients and providers should consult the appropriate Medicare Part D prescription drug plan or Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Contracting (MAPD) plan for coverage of heparin prescriptions for medically accepted indications. Under Medicare Part B, payment for heparin and sodium chloride flushes are included in the main procedure/surgery/service that they are reported with. There is no separate payment for these products.

NYS Medicaid continues to cover heparin, heparin flushes and sodium chloride flushes for NYS Medicaid beneficiaries who are not Medicare eligible.