



## Enhanced Dispense as Written (DAW) Code Logic

**Effective February 20, 2020**, the Medicaid FFS program will implement enhanced “DAW” code logic to enforce programs rules for both the Brand Less than Generic Program (BLTG) and the Mandatory Generic Program.

**Table 1:** DAW/Product Selection Codes allowed by the Medicaid FFS Program in field (408-D8)

CODE	DESCRIPTION
0	No Product Selection Indicated- Used for prescriptions for single source brand, co-branded/co-licensed, or generic products
1	Substitution Not Allowed by Prescriber – This value is used when the prescriber indicates, in a manner specified by prevailing law, that the product is Medically Necessary to be Dispensed as Written.
4	Substitution Allowed-Generic Drug Not in Stock-This value is used when the prescriber has indicated, in a manner specified by prevailing law, that generic substitution is permitted, and the brand product is dispensed since a currently marketed generic is not stocked in the pharmacy. This situation exists due to the buying habits of the pharmacist, not because of the unavailability of the generic product in the marketplace.
5	Substitution Allowed-Brand Drug Dispensed as a Generic-This value is used when the prescriber has indicated, in a manner specified by prevailing law, that generic substitution is permitted, and the pharmacist is utilizing the brand product as the generic entity.
7	Substitution Not Allowed-Brand Drug Mandated by Law-This value is used when the prescriber has indicated, in a manner specified by prevailing law, that generic substitution is permitted but prevailing law or regulation prohibits the substitution of a brand product even though generic versions of the product may be available in the marketplace.
8	Substitution Allowed-Generic Drug Not Available in Marketplace-This value is used when the prescriber has indicated, in a manner specified by prevailing law, that generic substitution is permitted and the brand product is dispensed since the generic is not currently manufactured, distributed, or is temporarily unavailable.
9	Substitution Allowed by Prescriber but Plan Requests Brand - Patient's Plan Requested Brand Product to Be Dispensed - This value is used when the prescriber has indicated, in a manner specified by prevailing law, that generic substitution is permitted, but the plan's formulary requests the brand product. This situation can occur when the prescriber writes the prescription using either the brand or generic name and the product is available from multiple sources.

### BLTG Program- DAW/Product Selection Code

- ✓ DAW code **9** is the appropriate value

**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 DAW code 1 and “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.**

**Mandatory Generic Program Exemptions**- DAW/Product Selection Code

- ✓ DAW code **7** is the appropriate value

Pharmacies will receive a NCPDP reject response of “22” which means missing/invalid DAW code if other DAW codes are submitted for these programs. The only exception to these, other than the appropriate values listed above, is DAW code 1 and “*Brand Medically Necessary*” on the prescription.

In addition, pharmacies will continue to receive NCPDP reject response of “22” which means missing/invalid DAW code for those codes not Listed in **Table 1**.

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