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**CHAPTER 37.0: PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

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## **OVERVIEW**

The Pharmacy Program within the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), Bureau of Health Services Financing (BHSF) is responsible for the development, implementation and administration of the Medicaid Pharmacy Program, and is charged with the responsibility of assuring quality pharmacy services while developing efficiencies in operation, service and cost.

The Pharmacy Program is responsible for the daily operations for outpatient pharmacy prescription services. Although total parenteral nutrition (TPN) is reimbursed through the Pharmacy Program, it is managed in collaboration with the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Program through the prior authorization process.

This provider manual chapter specifies the Medicaid benefits in the Pharmacy Program and the policies related to those benefits. This chapter is intended to explain covered pharmacy services and limits, how to file claims, Medicaid reimbursement, and other relative Medicaid pharmacy program policies and procedures. For various reference contacts and tools, refer to Appendices A through N.