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**COVERED SERVICES, LIMITATIONS, AND EXCLUSIONS**

This section provides the terms and conditions under which prescription services will be paid by the Medicaid Program and a description of the authorized benefits for eligible beneficiaries.

**Terms and Conditions****Licensed Prescribers**

Payment will be made for prescription services only when issued by a licensed prescribing practitioner who has an active Medicaid prescriber number. (Refer to Section 37.5.6 - Prescribers for detailed information about prescribers).

**Eligible Beneficiaries**

The Medicaid Program will only reimburse pharmacy claims when the beneficiary is eligible on the date of service. Pharmacy claims submitted with a date of service after a beneficiary's date of death are not allowed. (Refer to Chapter 1 – General Information and Administration of the *Medicaid Services Manual* for additional information on Medicaid eligibility).

**Rebate Agreements**

In accordance with Section 4401 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (OBRA '90), the Medicaid Program will pay only for those drug products for which the pharmaceutical company has entered into a federal rebate agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

**NOTE:** The listing of Medicaid drug federal rebate participating pharmaceutical companies can be accessed at: [www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Forms/Drug\\_appendices/APNDC.pdf](http://www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Forms/Drug_appendices/APNDC.pdf). This listing is updated periodically and is posted on the Louisiana Medicaid website. **Providers should take note of the effective dates of the labeler codes.**

Coverage will be provided for those drug products labeled by the pharmaceutical companies that have entered into a rebate agreement. As new pharmaceutical companies enter into rebate agreements, labeler codes will be added.

The therapeutic categories, e.g., cough and cold preparations, anorexics and cosmetic drugs, will remain non-payable. The *Medicaid Drug Federal Rebate Participation Pharmaceutical*

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*Companies* listing and additional information can be accessed at: [www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Forms/Drug\\_appendices/APNDC.pdf](http://www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Forms/Drug_appendices/APNDC.pdf) or by visiting Section 37.5.1 of this manual chapter.

**Medically Accepted Indications**

A drug must be medically necessary and prescribed for medically accepted indications to be eligible for reimbursement.

As defined by Section 1927(k)(6) of the Social Security , the term “medically accepted indication” means any use for a covered outpatient drug which is approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act or the use of which is supported by one or more citations included or approved for inclusion in any of the following compendia: *American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information*, *United States Pharmacopeia – Drug Information* (or its successor publications), and *DRUGDEX Information System*.

**Drug Utilization Review**

OBRA ‘90 also requires that states have a Drug Utilization Review (DUR) program in place and that this program assures that prescriptions are appropriate, are medically necessary and not likely to result in adverse medical results. The DUR program must include prospective drug review, retrospective drug review, and an educational program. (Refer to Section 37.5.12 - Patient Counseling, Drug Utilization Review (DUR) for detailed information regarding DUR).

**Patient Counseling Requirement**

The Louisiana Board of Pharmacy’s regulations require patient counseling, patient profiles, and prospective drug review, in accordance with OBRA ‘90.

**Patient Counseling Documentation**

Section 1927(g)(2)(ii)(I) of OBRA ‘90 requires that the pharmacist offer to discuss with each Medicaid beneficiary or a caregiver, in person whenever practicable, or by toll-free telephone for long distance calls, matters which, in his/her professional judgment, the pharmacist deems significant. Such counseling is subject to standards for counseling in accordance with the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy Regulations at LAC, 46:LIII, §517. Such counseling is to be provided unless refused by the beneficiary or caregiver. The Pharmacy Program will require counseling documentation for all prescriptions reimbursed by Louisiana Medicaid. According to

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the patient counseling standards in the OBRA'90, patient counseling begins with, and focuses on providing information related to the immediately prescribed drug. The only documentation required is a "yes" or "no" checked on the form next to the patient's signature to indicate whether he or she accepted the offer to provide this information. Counseling records must be retained in the pharmacy for five years from the date of payment and must be readily retrievable upon audit.

**NOTE:** Refer to Section 37.5.12 of this manual chapter for detailed information.

**Pharmacy Signature and Delivery Logs**

Pharmacy providers must obtain a signature from the patient or caregiver confirming the receipt of the prescription(s). This applies to all prescription pick-ups, home and facility deliveries. Claim submission is not proof that the prescription(s) or prescription order was actually furnished.

**Pharmacy Pick-up**

1. The signature log documentation should include the prescription number(s) and the date the prescription was picked up. If multiple prescriptions are being picked up at one time, a single signature will be sufficient for all of the patient's prescriptions;
2. Electronic signatures for receipt are permitted only if retrievable upon audit and kept on file by the pharmacy;
3. Obtaining a signature to confirm receipt of prescription(s) can be part of a counseling log; and
4. The signature confirmation must be maintained by the dispensing pharmacy for five years from the date of payment and must be retrievable upon audit.

**Facility Delivery/Mail Order/Specialty**

1. A signature is required at the time of delivery;
2. The signature documentation must also include the list of prescription number(s) and date the medication(s) was/were delivered. A single signature will be sufficient for all the medication in the delivery;

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3. Electronic signatures for receipt or electronic tracking slips for delivery are permitted only if retrievable on audit;
4. A waiver signature form is not an acceptable practice and such forms will not serve as confirmation of delivery; and
5. Confirmation of the delivery must be maintained by the pharmacy for five years from the date of payment and must be retrievable on audit. Delivery industry tracking receipts that contain a signature (e.g., FedEx, UPS, and USPS) qualify as a signature for receipt of delivery.

**Home Delivery**

1. If a pharmacy provider chooses to have a pharmacy representative deliver prescription(s) to a beneficiary's home, the pharmacy should inform the beneficiary or designee of the pharmacy's delivery schedule, verify the date and location for the delivery, and notify the beneficiary or designee that a signature will be required at the time of delivery; and
2. The pharmacy representative will obtain a signature from the beneficiary or their designee confirming the delivery. A waiver signature form is not an acceptable practice, and such forms will not serve as confirmation of delivery. Delivery confirmation must be maintained by the pharmacy for five years from the date of payment and must be retrievable upon audit. Electronic signatures for receipt are permitted only if retrievable and kept on file by the pharmacy.

**Prescription Duration**

Scheduled narcotic prescriptions must be filled within six months of the date issued excluding Schedule II narcotic prescriptions. Schedule II narcotic prescriptions will expire 90 days after the date of issue in accordance with the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy regulations. Prescriptions for non-controlled substances expire after 11 authorized refills or one year after the date prescribed, whichever comes first.

**Prescription Transfers**

The transfer of prescriptions, including those for Schedule III-V narcotics, must be in accordance with the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy regulations.

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**Date of Service**

The date of service is based on the adjudication process. The pharmacy staff should evaluate any prospective warnings or alerts based on internal software, or the Louisiana Program response generated during the claim submission. Based on this clinical review, the date the prescription was adjudicated is the service date except when long-term care eligibility determination is delayed.

**Prescription Refills**

Prescription refills can be provided if they are authorized specifically by the prescribing practitioner. Prescriptions for non-controlled substances have a one-year expiration and an 11-refill maximum from the date prescribed, whichever comes first.

Refills for Scheduled III-V narcotics have a six month expiration and a five refill maximum from the date prescribed, whichever comes first.

**No refills are allowed on Schedule II prescriptions.**

**National Drug Code**

In order to be reimbursed for a pharmacy claim, prescribed items must have an assigned National Drug Code (NDC).

**Prescriptions Received via Telecommunication**

Most prescriptions are acceptable when received by telephone or other telecommunication device in accordance with state and federal regulations. Providers must file and log prescriptions received via telecommunication as they would any other written or electronic prescriptions.

**Tamper Resistant Prescription Policy**

Written, non-electronic prescriptions for Medicaid beneficiaries are required to be written on tamper-resistant pads.

The “Transitional Medical Assistance (TMA), Abstinence Education and QI Program Extension Act of 2007” (H.R. 3668) and the “U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans’ Health Care, Katrina Recovery and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act of 2007” (H.R. 2206) states that all

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handwritten prescriptions or those printed from an electronic medical record (EMR), or an ePrescribing application must contain all three characteristics listed below. Exceeding these guidelines is permissible if:

1. One or more industry-recognized features designed to prevent unauthorized copying of a completed or blank prescription form;
2. One or more industry-recognized features designed to prevent the erasure or modification of information written on the prescription by the prescriber; and
3. One or more industry-recognized features designed to prevent the use of counterfeit prescription forms.

This provision applies to all written (non-electronic) prescriptions for outpatient drugs including over-the-counter drugs reimbursed by Pharmacy Program, regardless of whether Medicaid is the primary or secondary payer.

It is the responsibility of the prescriber to obtain and purchase tamper-resistant prescription pads.

**NOTE:** The *Table of Tamper Resistant Prescription Criteria and Examples* can be accessed in Section 37.5.12 at:

[www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/manuals/App\\_L\\_Tamper\\_Res\\_Prescription.pdf](http://www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/manuals/App_L_Tamper_Res_Prescription.pdf)

**Excluded Prescriptions**

The tamper-resistant requirement does not apply to prescriptions which are communicated by the prescriber to the pharmacy electronically, verbally or by facsimile.

**Confirming Non-Compliant Prescriptions**

If a prescription does not meet the requirements for tamper-resistance, pharmacies may obtain verbal confirmation and document appropriately. The pharmacy does not need to speak with the prescriber directly. They may receive confirmation from a nurse or administrative staff person who has authority to act on behalf of the prescriber.

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Emergency fills with non-compliant written prescriptions are permissible as long as the prescriber provides a verbal, faxed, electronic or compliant written prescription within 72 hours after the date on which the prescription was filled. If an emergency fill is confirmed with a verbal order, the pharmacist must document the call on the face of the written prescription.

**Authorized Benefits**

Provided below are the authorized medications and/or supplies which are payable under Louisiana Medicaid.

**NOTE:** Refer to “Quantity Limitations” in this section and Section 37.3 - Reimbursement Services for detailed information regarding authorized benefits.

**Legend Drugs**

Legend drugs are drugs that require a prescription or that have the following statement on the label, “Caution: Federal law prohibits dispensing without a prescription.” Medicaid reimbursement is available for most legend drugs that are dispensed in outpatient settings.

**NOTE:** Refer to “Non-Covered Services” in this section for detailed information regarding legend drugs.

**Legend Vitamin and Mineral Products**

Only the following legend vitamin and mineral products will be reimbursed by the Pharmacy Program:

Vitamin B 12 preparations	Vitamin E preparations	Pediatric vitamin preparations
Vitamin A preparations	Vitamin K preparations	Legend prenatal vitamins for pregnant and lactating beneficiaries
Vitamin B preparations	Calcium replacement	Magnesium salt replacement
Vitamin B1 preparations	Folic Acid preparation	Prescription strength fluoride as a single entity
Vitamin B6 preparations	Geriatric vitamin preparations	Urinary pH modifiers (Phosphorus)
Vitamin C preparations	Multivitamin preparations	

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Vitamin D preparations

Niacin preparations

**Injectable Drugs**

Reimbursement is provided for most injectable drugs for outpatient beneficiaries when supplied by community pharmacies, long-term care (LTC) pharmacies, and home infusion pharmacies that are enrolled as Medicaid providers.

Some antibiotic and oncologic injections administered in practitioners offices and clinics are reimbursed through the Professional Services Program.

**Non-Legend Drugs**

Only a limited number of non-legend or over-the-counter (OTC) drugs can be reimbursed by the Louisiana Medicaid program. For Medicaid reimbursement, these drugs must be prescribed by licensed practitioners. **Providers must bill the NDC from the actual package dispensed. Also, the drug manufacturer must participate in the federal rebate program.**

The following non-legend drugs are covered when an authorized prescriber has written a prescription:

1. Insulin;
2. Sodium chloride solution for inhalation therapy;
3. Contraceptives, topical;
4. Urinary pH modifiers; and
5. Other non-legend drugs that have Pharmacy Program approval.

**Non-Legend Items and Supplies**

Only a limited number of non-legend items and supplies can be reimbursed by the Medicaid Program. In order to receive Medicaid reimbursement, these items and supplies must be prescribed by licensed practitioners. **(Providers must bill the NDC from the actual package dispensed):**

1. OTC Vitamin D preparations;



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2. OTC Vitamin E preparations;
3. OTC Niacin preparations;
4. OTC Calcium replacement agents;
5. OTC Magnesium replacement agents;
6. OTC Phosphate replacement agents;
7. OTC Iron replacement agents;
8. Normal saline and heparin flushes;
9. Disposable needles and syringes used to administer insulin;
10. Test strips for determining blood glucose levels;
11. Lancets;
12. Urine test strips (e.g., Clinitest® and Clinistix®);
13. Family planning items; and
14. Other non-legend items and supplies that have Pharmacy Program approval.

**Total Parenteral Nutrition**

Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN) and associated supplies and equipment are covered services in the Pharmacy Program. (Refer to Section 37.5.10 - Total Parenteral Nutrition for additional information).

**Medication Administration**

Enrolled pharmacies may be reimbursed for the administration of the select adult vaccines and the COVID-19 vaccine. Pharmacists who have the “Authority to Administer” authorized by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy may administer vaccines. (Refer to Section 37.5.11 - Medication Administration for detailed information).

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**Non-Covered Services****Drugs Excluded From Coverage**

The following drugs and/or therapeutic categories are excluded from coverage:

1. Anorexics – Medicaid does not reimburse for anorexics with the exception of orlistat;
2. Compounded prescriptions (mixtures of two or more ingredients; the individual drugs will continue to be reimbursed);
3. Cosmetic drugs;
4. Cough and cold preparations;
5. Drug Efficacy Study Implementation (DESI) Drugs (refer to those drugs that the FDA has proposed to withdraw from the market because they lack substantial evidence of effectiveness);
6. Erectile dysfunction drugs;
7. Experimental drugs;
8. Fertility drugs when used for fertility treatment;
9. Medications which are included in the reimbursement to a facility, i.e. hospitals, skilled nursing facility for beneficiaries receiving benefits under Part A of Title XVIII, mental hospitals, or some other nursing facilities;
10. Narcotics prescribed only for narcotic addiction;
11. Non-legend or OTC drugs or items with some exceptions; and
12. Vaccines covered in other programs.

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**Durable Medical Equipment/Supplies Excluded**

Durable medical equipment (DME) and supplies, other than those included in this section, are not covered in the Pharmacy Program. These items are covered in the Home Health Program and must be billed to that program. (Refer to Chapter 18 - Durable Medical Equipment of the *Medicaid Services Manual* for specific information covered through the DME program).

**Prior Authorization and Single Preferred Drug List**

The Medicaid Program administers a prior authorization process for pharmacy services. This process utilizes a single preferred drug list (PDL) for selected therapeutic classes. Drugs included on the PDL are preferred. Drugs in these classes that are not included on the PDL require prescribers to obtain prior authorization.

**PDL Provider Notification**

Lists of covered drug products, including those that require prior authorization, will be posted on the Louisiana Medicaid website.

**Prior Authorization Process General Information**

The prior authorization process provides for a turn-around response by either telephone or other telecommunications device within 24 hours of a prior authorization (PA) request. In emergency situations, providers may dispense at least a 72 hour or a three day supply of medication.

**Prior Authorization and Single PDL Information Site**

The *Louisiana Medicaid Single Preferred Drug List (PDL)/Non-Preferred Drug List (NPDL)* and the *Louisiana Uniform Prescription Drug Prior Authorization Form* and its instructions can be accessed at: <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf> or by visiting Section 37.5.5 of this manual chapter.

**Who Can Obtain Prior Authorization**

The prescribing practitioner is responsible for obtaining prior authorization. Pharmacist or beneficiary calls/requests will not be accepted. The prescribing practitioner must have and provide his/her valid individual Louisiana Medicaid prescribing provider number to obtain prior authorization. Only individual provider numbers will be accepted. The prescribing practitioner

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may obtain the prior authorization by telephone, facsimile or mail. Refer to the Section 37.5.4 – Contact Information for access to additional information on prior authorization. In addition, refer to Section 37.5.5 of this manual chapter to access drug specific forms, criteria, and instructions at: <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf>

The Prior Authorization Unit's hours of operation are 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Central Time, Monday through Saturday.

**NOTE:** If a prescribing practitioner does not have an individual prescriber number, refer to Section 37.5.6 - Prescribers for detailed information.

**Prior Authorization Request Form**

The Louisiana Uniform Prescription Drug Prior Authorization Form must be used by the prescriber to request a prior authorization. The form and its instructions can be accessed at: <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf> or by visiting Section 37.5.5 of this manual chapter.

**Emergency Procedures**

Prescriptions indicating emergency situations shall be dispensed in a minimum quantity of a three day supply. **Refills for the dispensing of the non-preferred products in these emergency situations are not permitted.** The beneficiary's practitioner must contact the Prior Authorization Unit (RxPA) to request authorization to continue the medication past the emergency supply, and a new prescription must be issued.

This process may be used when the RxPA Unit is closed (Sundays; Monday – Saturday before 8:00 am and after 6:00 pm) or when the PA system is unavailable. The pharmacist may also use professional judgment in situations that would necessitate an emergency supply.

**The prescribing practitioner must indicate that the prescription is an emergency Rx on the face of the prescription if hard copy or if the prescription is called in to the pharmacy, the emergency status of the prescription must be communicated to the pharmacist who must indicate "Emergency Rx" on the hard copy prescription. When the pharmacist determines the prescription is an emergency, the pharmacist must indicate "Emergency by Pharmacist" on the hard copy prescription.**

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**NOTE:** The Point of Sale (POS) *User Guide* can be accessed at: [www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Pharmacy/LAPOS\\_User\\_Manual\\_static.pdf](http://www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Pharmacy/LAPOS_User_Manual_static.pdf) or by visiting Section 37.5.1 for detailed claim submission and processing information.

Beneficiaries are exempt from paying co-payments for emergency situations.

Monitoring of emergency prescriptions/beneficiaries is conducted on an ongoing basis through management reports, pharmacy provider audits, and other monitoring programs to review the number of and the reasons for these prescriptions.

**Hospital Discharge Prescriptions for Atypical Antipsychotic Agents**

When a beneficiary is discharged from a hospital with a prescription for an atypical antipsychotic prescription, the prescribing practitioner must indicate on the face of the prescription, if hard copy, that the prescription is a “Hospital Discharge”. If the prescription is called in to the pharmacy, the “Hospital Discharge” status of the prescription must be communicated to the pharmacist who must indicate “Hospital Discharge” on the hard copy prescription.

In situations where the prescribing practitioner is unavailable and the pharmacist determines the prescription is a “Hospital Discharge” prescription, the pharmacist must indicate “Hospital Discharge on the hard copy prescription.

Claims for “Hospital Discharge” prescriptions needing prior authorization will be submitted using the same process used for an emergency override.

**Prescriptions for “Hospital Discharge” products shall be dispensed in a minimum quantity of a three-day supply, and refills for the dispensing of the non-preferred products are not permitted.** The beneficiary’s practitioner must contact the RxPA Unit to request authorization to continue the medication past the “Hospital Discharge” supply, and a new prescription must be issued.

**Prescriptions Issued Prior to the Effective Dates of Prior Authorization**

The prior authorization process does not impact original prescriptions (or refills) issued by a prescribing practitioner prior to a drug’s effective date of prior authorization.

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**Beneficiaries with Retroactive Eligibility**

Drugs that are not on the PDL are sometimes dispensed to patients who are awaiting Medicaid eligibility determinations. Pharmacy providers will be reimbursed for these claims when the date of service falls within the beneficiaries' retroactive time period. The retroactive time period is defined as the time period between the first date of eligibility and the date that the beneficiary's eligibility is placed on the beneficiary file. Pharmacy providers shall submit these claims electronically.

**Important Facts**

When a beneficiary elects to self-pay for an original prescription which requires prior authorization, attempts to have Medicaid pay for the refill of this prescription will result in the pharmacy claim being denied.

If an approved prior authorization exists in the system, the pharmacy claim will bypass the prior authorization edit and continue with existing POS edits. If an approved prior authorization does not exist, the pharmacy claim will be denied through the POS system.

An approved prior authorization does not guarantee payment of the claim by Medicaid. It only indicates that the drug has been approved as a course of treatment within the Medicaid Program. All existing POS claim edits will continue to be applied.

The prior authorization process does not verify a beneficiary's Medicaid eligibility. It only verifies that the beneficiary is "on file" (i.e., has a valid Medicaid ID number on file – not that the beneficiary is eligible on the date of service). Beneficiary eligibility will continue to be verified by the Pharmacy POS subsystem or through the Medicaid Eligibility Verification System (MEVS) or Recipient Eligibility Verification System (REVS) automated beneficiary eligibility systems.

Only practitioners' individual prescriber numbers are accepted to request prior authorization of a non-preferred drug. Any provider number other than an individual prescribing provider number **WILL NOT** be accepted to prior authorize non-preferred drugs.

**Clinical Authorization**

There are certain medications that require clinical authorization. Clinical authorization is a prescriber initiated request for authorization on a selected number of drugs.

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Prescribers must complete the *Louisiana Uniform Prescription Drug Prior Authorization Form* in full. The clinical authorization criteria can be used as a reference when completing the form. Clinical authorization requests should be faxed or mailed to the RxPA Unit. (Refer to Section 37.5.4 – Contact Information in this manual chapter for contact information).

**NOTE:** Refer to the Single Preferred Drug List (PDL) to access the clinical authorization drug list, forms, criteria, and instructions at: <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf>

**Monthly Service Limit****Limit**

Medicaid reimburses up to four prescriptions per calendar month per beneficiary. Claims including those for emergency prescriptions and prior-authorization prescriptions that are in excess of four per calendar month per beneficiary will deny.

**Exceptions to Limit**

The following federally mandated beneficiary groups are exempt from the four prescriptions per calendar month limitations:

1. Persons under 21 years of age;
2. Persons who are residents of long-term care institutions, such as nursing homes and Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) facilities; and
3. Beneficiaries who are pregnant.

**Limit Override Procedures**

The four prescriptions per month limit can be exceeded when the prescriber determines an additional prescription is medically necessary and communicates the following information to the pharmacist on the hard prescription, by telephone or other telecommunications device:

1. “Medically necessary override; and
2. A valid diagnosis code that directly relates to each drug prescribed that is over the four prescription limit (an International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision,

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Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM, or its successor) literal description is not acceptable).

The prescriber should use the Electronic Clinical Drug Inquiry (e-CDI) in his/her clinical assessment of the beneficiary's disease state or medical condition and the current drug regimen before making a determination that more than four prescriptions per calendar month is required by the beneficiary. (Refer to Section 37.5.4 for details on how to access the e-CDI).

Printed statements without the prescribing practitioner's signature, check-off boxes or stamped signatures are not acceptable documentation.

An acceptable statement and diagnosis code are required for each prescription in excess of four for each calendar month.

Pharmacists and prescribers are required to maintain documentation to support the override of a prescription limitation.

**NOTE:** Refer to Section 37.5.1 to access the *POS User Guide* to obtain detailed billing instructions and override procedures at:

[www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Pharmacy/LAPOS\\_User\\_Manual\\_static.pdf](http://www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Pharmacy/LAPOS_User_Manual_static.pdf)

**Drugs with Special Payment Criteria/Limitations**

Coverage of some drugs is limited to special criteria being met. These are explained below.

**NOTE:** Refer to Section 37.5.8 - Claim Submission for detailed override information as well as Section 37.5.1 to access the *POS User Guide* for detailed billing instructions, where applicable, at:

[www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Pharmacy/LAPOS\\_User\\_Manual\\_static.pdf](http://www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Pharmacy/LAPOS_User_Manual_static.pdf)

**Age and Gender Restricted Drugs**

Certain drugs have age and gender restrictions placed on them. For further assistance, providers should contact the Gainwell Provider Helpdesk (Refer to Section 37.5.4 for contact information).

**Acne Agents**

Pharmacy claims for select acne agents have a quantity limit, age requirements, and/or clinical authorization requirement.



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Clinical information (acne severity) is required for all topical acne agents.

All agents are limited to use in beneficiaries who are younger than 21 years of age when used for acne. Trifarotene (Aklief®) is limited to beneficiaries who are at least 9 years of age.

Pharmacy claims submitted with a diagnosis code for psoriasis (L40\*) will bypass the age restriction for tazarotene cream or tazarotene gel.

*\* Any number or letter or combination of **UP TO FOUR** numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code*

**NOTE:** Refer to Section 37.5.5 of this manual chapter to access the Single Preferred Drug List (PDL), which is inclusive of the preferred/non-preferred drug list, clinical authorization list, drug specific forms, criteria, and POS edits (i.e. maximum daily dose and quantity limits) at: <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf>

**Allergen Extracts**

Pharmacy claims for allergen extracts may be subject to clinical authorization, physician prescriber requirements, age requirements, and an auto-injectable epinephrine prescription requirement for reimbursement.

**Physician Prescriber Requirements for Allergen Extracts**

Prescribers of allergen extracts must have a specialty of 1) Allergy, 2) Otolaryngology, Rhinology, or 3) Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology, Rhinology for reimbursement.

**Auto-Injectable Epinephrine Requirement for Allergen Extracts**

Pharmacy claims for allergen extracts require a pharmacy claim for an auto-injectable epinephrine product within the last year for reimbursement.

**NOTE:** Refer to Section 37.5.5 of this manual chapter to access the Single Preferred Drug List (PDL), which is inclusive of the preferred/non-preferred drug list, clinical authorization list, drug specific forms, criteria, and POS edits (i.e. maximum daily dose and quantity limits) at: <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf>

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**Alzheimer's Agents**

Select agents for the treatment of Alzheimers disease require clinical or prior authorization.

Aducanumab-avwa (Aduhelm™) is administered intravenous (IV) infusion for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease and requires a clinical authorization. The prescriber must complete the drug specific aducanumab-avwa (Aduhelm™) clinical authorization form.

**Androgenic Agents**

Select androgenics require prior authorization.

**Anthelmintics**

Select anthelmintics require prior authorization.

Pharmacy claims for ivermectin (Stromectol®) have a diagnosis code requirement at Point of Sale.

**Anti-Anxiety Drugs**

Select anti-anxiety drugs are subject to Point of Sale edits for age requirement, quantity limit, concurrent use, prior use, and therapeutic duplication.

**Age Requirement**

Pharmacy claims for lorazepam (Loreev XR™) prescribed for beneficiaries 17 years of age or younger will deny.

**Quantity Limit**

Pharmacy claims for solid oral dosage forms of alprazolam IR (Xanax®), chlorthalidone (Librium®), lorazepam (Ativan®), oxazepam (Serax®), clonazepam (Klonopin®), clonazepam (Tranxene®), and diazepam (Valium®) have quantity limits of 90 units per rolling 30 days.

Quantity limits will be bypassed for clonazepam (Klonopin®), clonazepam (Tranxene®), and diazepam (Valium®) when an acceptable diagnosis code is submitted.

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Acceptable diagnosis codes that will bypass the edit are:

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code	Description
P90	Convulsions in Newborn
G40.*	Epilepsy, Seizures
R56.*	Other Convulsions

**Concurrent Use**

Pharmacy claims for lorazepam (Loreev XR™) will deny if there is an active claim on the beneficiary's file for an opioid. Pharmacy claims for an opioid will deny if there is an active claim on the beneficiary's file for lorazepam (Loreev XR™).

**Prior Use**

An incoming pharmacy claim for lorazepam (Loreev XR™) will deny if there is no evidence of a pharmacy claim for **ONE** of the following in the most recent 30-day period:

1. A quantity of at least 90 lorazepam immediate-release tablets; **OR**
2. Any quantity of lorazepam (Loreev XR™).

**Therapeutic Duplication**

An incoming pharmacy claim for lorazepam (Loreev XR™) will deny with a therapeutic duplication if there is an active pharmacy claim on the beneficiary's profile for another anxiolytic medication. Conversely, an incoming pharmacy claim for another anxiolytic medication will deny with a therapeutic duplication if there is an active pharmacy claim for lorazepam (Loreev XR™) on the beneficiary's profile.

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Pharmacy claims for alprazolam ER (Xanax XR®) and alprazolam ODT (Niravam®) are subject to the following for reimbursement:

1. Age Restriction; and
2. Diagnosis Code Requirements.

Pharmacy claims for alprazolam ER (Xanax XR®) also have quantity limits.

**Age Restriction**

Pharmacy claims for alprazolam ER (Xanax XR®) and alprazolam ODT (Niravam®) will deny at POS for beneficiaries 17 years old or younger on the date of service.

**Diagnosis Code Requirements**

Pharmacy claims for alprazolam ER (Xanax XR®) and alprazolam ODT (Niravam®) require a diagnosis code. The diagnosis code must be documented by the prescriber or pharmacist. The diagnosis code may be communicated to the pharmacist electronically, via telephone, or facsimile. After consultation with the prescriber, the pharmacist must document the diagnosis code on the hard copy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system. The diagnosis code is required for the claim submission.

Acceptable diagnosis codes for alprazolam ER (Xanax XR®) are:

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code	Description
F40.01	Panic Disorder with Agoraphobia
F41.0	Panic Disorder without Agoraphobia

Acceptable diagnosis codes for alprazolam ODT (Niravam®) are:

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code	Description
F41.1	Generalized Anxiety Disorder

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ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code	Description
F40.01	Panic Disorder with Agoraphobia
F41.0	Panic Disorder without Agoraphobia

**Quantity Limits**

There is a quantity limit of 30 units per rolling 30 days for alprazolam ER (Xanax XR®).

**Analeptics: Armodafinil (Nuvigil®), Modafinil (Provigil®), Pitolisant (Wakix®), and Solriamfetol (Sunosi®)****Age Restriction**

Pharmacy claims for armodafinil (Nuvigil®) and modafinil (Provigil®) will deny at POS when the beneficiary is 16 years of age or younger.

Pharmacy claims for solriamfetol (Sunosi®) and pitolisant (Wakix®) will deny at POS when the beneficiary is less than 18 years old.

**Diagnosis Code Requirements**

Pharmacy claims for armodafinil (Nuvigil®) and modafinil (Provigil®) require an appropriate diagnosis code documented on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system by the prescriber or pharmacist. The diagnosis code may be communicated to the pharmacist electronically, via telephone, or facsimile. After consultation with the prescriber, the pharmacist must document the diagnosis code on the hard copy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system. The diagnosis is required for claim submission. The appropriate diagnosis codes are listed in the chart:

Medication	Description of Diagnosis	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code
Armodafinil (Nuvigil®); Modafinil (Provigil®)	Obstructive Sleep Apnea	G47.33
	Circadian rhythm sleep disorder, shift work type	G47.26
	Narcolepsy	G47.4*
Solriamfetol (Sunosi™)	Obstructive Sleep Apnea	G47.33

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	Narcolepsy	G47.4*
Pitolisant (Wakix®)	Narcolepsy	G47.4*

\* Any number or letter or combination of **UP TO FOUR** numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code

**Therapeutic Duplication**

Pharmacy claims for armodafinil (Nuvigil®) and modafinil (Provigil®) will deny at POS when there is an active claim on the beneficiary's file for either armodafinil (Nuvigil®) or modafinil (Provigil®).

**Therapeutic Duplication with Stimulants**

Pharmacy claims for armodafinil (Nuvigil®) and modafinil (Provigil®) will deny at POS when there is an active claim on the beneficiary's file for other stimulants or atomoxetine (Strattera®).

Pharmacy claims for solriamfetol (Sunosi®) or pitolisant (Wakix®) will deny at POS when there is an active claim on the beneficiary's file for either solriamfetol (Sunosi®), pitolisant (Wakix®), modafinil (Provigil®) or armodafinil (Nuvigil®). Also, modafinil (Provigil®) and armodafinil (Nuvigil®) should deny at POS when there is an active claim on the beneficiary's file for either solriamfetol (Sunosi®) or pitolisant (Wakix®).

Pharmacy claims for solriamfetol (Sunosi®) or pitolisant (Wakix®) will deny if there is an active claim on the beneficiary's file for another stimulant or atomoxetine (Strattera®).

**Concurrent Use with Sedative Hypnotics**

Pharmacy claims for armodafinil (Nuvigil®) and modafinil (Provigil®) will deny at POS when there is an active claim on the beneficiary's file for a sedative hypnotic.

If in the professional judgment of the prescriber a determination is made which necessitates therapy with modafinil (Provigil®) or armodafinil (Nuvigil®) and a sedative hypnotic, the pharmacist may override this edit. After consultation with the prescriber to verify the necessity of both agents, the pharmacist must document on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic record keeping system the prescriber's reason for concurrent therapy. The reason for service code, professional service code and result of service code used in submitting the claim must also be documented on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system.

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Pharmacy claims for solriamfetol (Sunosi®) or pitolisant (Wakix®) will deny if there is an active claim on the beneficiary's file for a sedative hypnotic. Pharmacy claims for a sedative hypnotic will deny if there is an active claim on the beneficiary's file for solriamfetol (Sunosi®) or pitolisant (Wakix®).

**Agalsidase Beta (Fabrazyme®)**

Pharmacy claims for agalsidase beta (Fabrazyme®) require a diagnosis code for reimbursement.

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code	Diagnosis Description
E75.21	Fabry (-Anderson) Disease

A pharmacy claim for agalsidase beta (Fabrazyme®) will deny with a therapeutic duplication if there is an active claim on the beneficiary's file for migalastat (Galafold®). Conversely, pharmacy claims for migalastat (Galafold®) will deny with a therapeutic duplication if there is an active claim on the beneficiary's file for agalsidase beta (Fabrazyme®).

**Alglucosidase (Lumizyme®)**

Pharmacy claims for alglucosidase (Lumizyme®) require a diagnosis code for reimbursement.

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code	Diagnosis Description
E74.02	Pompe Disease

**Amikacin Inhalation Suspension (Arikayce®)**

Pharmacy claims for amikacin inhalation suspension (Arikayce®) require a diagnosis code for reimbursement.

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code	Diagnosis Description
A31.0, A31.2	Mycobacterium avium complex

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Prescriptions for select anticoagulants are subject to the following clinical edits for reimbursement:

1. Quantity limits; and
2. Duration of therapy.

**Quantity Limits**

The quantity limits for anticoagulant agents are listed in the chart below:

Generic	Representative Brand	Dosage Form	Quantity Limit
Apixaban	Eliquis®	Tablet	60 units/30 days
Apixaban Starter Pack	Eliquis® Starter Pack	Tablet Dose Pack	1 unit/365 days
Dabigatran Etexilate Mesylate	Pradaxa®	Capsule	60 units/30 days
Dalteparin Sodium	Fragmin®	Vial/Syringe	60 units/30 days
Edoxaban Tosylate	Savaysa®	Tablet	30 units/30 days
Enoxaparin Sodium	Lovenox®	Vial/Syringe	60 units/30 days
Fondaparinux Sodium	Arixtra®	Syringe	30 units/30 days
Rivaroxaban 2.5mg	Xarelto®	Tablet	60 units/30 days
Rivaroxaban 10mg, 15mg & 20mg	Xarelto®	Tablet	30 units/30 days
Rivaroxaban Starter Pack	Xarelto® Starter Pack	Tablet Dose Pack	1 unit/365 days

**Duration of Therapy**

The duration of therapy for select anticoagulant agents are listed in the chart below:

Generic	Representative Brand	Maximum Duration of Therapy*
Dalteparin	Fragmin®	35 days
Enoxaparin	Lovenox®	35 days
Fondaparinux Sodium	Arixtra®	35 days

\*Maximum 35-day course of therapy within a 90-day period



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**Antidepressant Medications**

Prescriptions for antidepressant medications will require an approved clinical authorization for beneficiaries under 6 years of age. Pharmacy claims for antidepressant medications will be checked for therapeutic duplication.

**Therapeutic Duplication**

Pharmacy claims for a tricyclic antidepressant will deny if there is an active claim on the beneficiary's file for a tricyclic antidepressant.

Pharmacy claims for selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) will deny if there is an active claim on the beneficiary's file for a SSRI.

**Antihistamine/ Decongestant Products**

Antihistamine/decongestant products may require a prior authorization for reimbursement.

Antihistamine/decongestant products are subject to a therapeutic duplication with each other and with other sedating antihistamines at Point of Sale.

The program, in accordance with the Social Security Act Section 1927 (d) (2), excludes drugs or classes of drugs containing cough and cold agents when those products are prescribed for the treatment of cough and cold.

**Therapeutic Duplication**

Pharmacy claims for first and/or second generation antihistamines and antihistamine-decongestant products will deny if there is an active claim on the beneficiary's file for another first and/or second generation antihistamine or antihistamine-decongestant product. A change in therapy from an antihistamine to an antihistamine-decongestant or the reverse will have override provisions.

**Exclusions**

Claims for diphenhydramine, hydroxyzine HCL, and hydroxyzine pamoate are excluded from the therapeutic duplication.

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After consultation with the prescribing provider, the pharmacist may override the therapeutic duplication. The pharmacist must document on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system the following:

1. The reason the prescribing provider chose to override the therapeutic duplication; and
2. The National Council for Prescription Drug Program (NCPDP) DUR override codes used in submitting the claim.

**NOTE:** Refer to "Prospective Drug Utilization Policies/Limits/Edits" in this section for policy regarding first and second generation antihistamines and combination agents included in the therapeutic duplication edit.

**Anti-Infective, Anti-Fungal, and Corticosteroids**

Pharmacy claims for select anti-infective, anti-fungal, and corticosteroids have quantity limits.

Medication	Dosage Form	Quantity Limit
Ciclopirox Olamine 0.77%	Suspension	60ml/30 days
Ciprofloxacin HCl 0.2%	Otic Solution	2 packs of 14 singles/30 days
Clobetasol Propionate 0.05%	Cream	100gm/30 days
Clobetasol Propionate 0.05%	Ointment	120gm/30 days
Clobetasol Propionate 0.05%	Solution	100ml/30 days
Doxycycline Hyclate / Monohydrate	Capsule	60 caps of any strength/30 days
Econazole Nitrate 1%	Cream	85gm/30 days
Gentamicin Sulfate 0.3%	Ophthalmic Ointment	3.5gm/30 days
Gentamicin Sulfate 0.3%	Ophthalmic Solution	5ml/30 days
Gentamicin Sulfate 0.1%	Cream	30gm/30 days
Gentamicin Sulfate 0.1%	Ointment	30gm/30 days
Itraconazole 100mg	Capsule	120 caps/30 days
Itraconazole 100mg	Capsule Pulsepak	1 pack (28 caps) / 28 days
Itraconazole 65mg	Capsule	120 caps/30 days
Ketoconazole 2%	Shampoo	120ml/30 days
Ketoconazole 2%	Cream	60gm/30 days
Mupirocin 2%	Cream	30gm/30 days

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Mupirocin 2%	Ointment	22gm/30 days
Nystatin 100,000 units/gm	Cream	60gm/30 days
Nystatin 100,000 units/gm	External Powder	60gm bottle; 2 bottles/30 days
Nystatin 100,000 units/gm	Ointment	60gm/30 days

**Antimigraine Agents- CGRP Antagonists**

Pharmacy claims for select antimigraine agents-CGRP antagonists may be subject to clinical or prior authorization and quantity limits. The quantity limits for select CGRP antagonists are listed in the following chart.

<b>Medication-Generic (Brand)</b>	<b>Quantity Limit</b>
Atogepant (Qulipta)	30 tablets/30 days
Eptinezumab-jjmr (Vyepti™)	3 single dose vials (300mg)/90 days
Erenumab-aooe (Aimovig®) - 70mg, 140mg single dose syringe	3 single dose syringes/90 days
Fremanezumab-vfrm (Ajovy®) - 225mg single dose syringe	3 single dose syringes/90 days
Galcanezumab-gnlm (Emgality®) - 100mg single dose syringe	3 single dose syringes/30 days
Galcanezumab-gnlm (Emgality®) - 120mg single dose pen/syringe	7 single dose syringes/180 days
Rimegepant (Nurtec® ODT)	48 tablets/365 days
Ubrogepant (Ubrelvy™)	16 tablets/30 days

**Antiretroviral Agents – HIV/AIDS**

Pharmacy claims for select antiretroviral agents – HIV/AIDS require a diagnosis code and are monitored for therapeutic duplication.

**NOTE:** Refer to the Diagnosis Code Policy Chart at:

<https://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/PDL/7.30.2020/Louisiana.Medicaid.ICD-10.Chart.docx>

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Pharmacy claims for nusinersen sodium (Spinraza®) and eteplirsen (Exondys 51®) will be subject to the following for reimbursement:

1. Clinical authorization; and
2. Diagnosis code requirements.

**Clinical Authorization Requirement**

Pharmacy claims for nusinersen sodium (Spinraza®) and eteplirsen (Exondys 51®) require an approved clinical authorization.

**Diagnosis Code Requirement**

The acceptable diagnosis codes for nusinersen sodium (Spinraza®) and eteplirsen (Exondys 51®) are listed in the chart.

Medication	Diagnosis	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code
Nusinersen Sodium (Spinraza®)	Spinal Muscular Atrophy	G12.0; G12.1
Eteplirsen (Exondys 51®)	Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy	G71.0

\* -- any number or letter or combination of UP TO FOUR numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code

**NOTE:** Refer to Section 37.5.5 of this manual chapter to access drug specific forms, criteria, and instructions at: <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf>

**Antipsychotic Agents**

Pharmacy claims for select antipsychotic medications are subject to the following:

1. Diagnosis Code Requirement;

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2. Age Requirements;
3. Quantity limits;
4. Maximum daily dose;
5. Prior use; and
6. Therapeutic Duplication.

**Diagnosis Code Requirement on All Antipsychotic Medications**

Prescriptions for antipsychotic agents require appropriate diagnosis codes.

The numeric diagnosis code must be documented on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic record keeping system. The diagnosis code may be communicated to the pharmacist electronically, via telephone, or facsimile. After consultation with the prescriber, the pharmacist must document the diagnosis code on the hard copy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system. The diagnosis code is required for the claim submission.

Pharmacy claims for antipsychotic medications that have a missing or invalid diagnosis code will deny at POS.

**NOTE:** Refer to the Diagnosis Code Policy Chart at:

<https://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/PDL/7.30.2020/Louisiana.Medicaid.ICD-10.Chart.docx>

If the prescriber does not indicate a diagnosis code, and the pharmacist determines the beneficiary cannot wait to receive the medication, the pharmacy provider may override the denial. The pharmacist must document "Emergency" on the hard copy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system and the reason for the emergency.

Antipsychotic agents are also subject to prospective drug utilization reviews when a third antipsychotic agent is submitted for payment.

**Age Requirements for Antipsychotic Medications**

Select antipsychotic agents have age requirements. Pharmacy claims for pimavanserin (Nuplazid®) is limited to use in beneficiaries who are at least 18 years old.

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Select antipsychotic agents have a maximum daily dose requirement.

Generic – Brand Example	Age (Years)						
	<5	5	6-9	10-12	13-15	16-17	18 and older
Aripiprazole – Abilify®	5mg	20mg	20mg	20mg	30mg	30mg	30mg
Aripiprazole – Abilify® MyCite®	0mg	0mg	0mg	0mg	0mg	0mg	30mg
Asenapine – Saphris®	0mg	0mg	0mg	20mg	20mg	20mg	20mg
Asenapine Transdermal - Secuado®	0mg	0mg	0mg	0mg	0mg	0mg	7.6mg
Brexpiprazole – Rexulti®	0mg	0mg	0mg	0mg	0mg	4mg	4mg
Cariprazine – Vraylar®	0mg	0mg	0mg	0mg	0mg	4.5mg	6mg
Vraylar® Therapy Pack	0mg	0mg	0mg	0mg	0mg	4.5mg	6mg
Clozapine – Clozaril®, FazaClo®, Versacloz®	0mg	0mg	0mg	0mg	0mg	0mg	900mg
Iloperidone – Fanapt®	0mg	0mg	0mg	0mg	0mg	16mg	24mg
Lurasidone – Latuda®	0mg	0mg	0mg	80mg	80mg	80mg	160mg
Olanzapine – Zyprexa®	10mg	20mg	20mg	20mg	30mg	30mg	40mg
Olanzapine/Fluoxetine – Symbyax®	0mg	0mg	0mg	12mg/50mg	12mg/50mg	12mg/50mg	18mg/75mg
Paliperidone – Invega®	3mg	6mg	6mg	6mg	9mg	9mg	12mg
Quetiapine – Seroquel®	100mg	600mg	600mg	600mg	1000mg	1000mg	1200mg
Risperidone – Risperdal®	3mg	6mg	6mg	6mg	8mg	8mg	16mg
Ziprasidone – Geodon®	30mg	60mg	60mg	60mg	120mg	120mg	200mg

**Quantity Limits**

Pharmacy claims for selected antipsychotic medications have quantity limits.

**Antipsychotic Oral/Transdermal Agents Quantity Limit Chart**

Medication –Generic (Brand)	Quantity Limit
Asenapine (Secuado®)	30 patches per 30 days
Cariprazine (Vraylar®) Therapy Pack	1 pack per 18-month period

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Olanzapine/Samidorphan (Lybalvi)	30 tablets per 30 days
Pimavanserin (Nuplazid™) 10 mg	30 tablets per 30 days
Pimavanserin (Nuplazid™) 17 mg	60 tablets per 30 days
Pimavanserin (Nuplazid™) 34 mg	30 capsules per 30 days

## Antipsychotic Injectable Agents Quantity Limit Chart

<b>Medication-Generic (Brand)</b>	<b>Quantity Limit</b>
Aripiprazole (Abilify Maintena®)	1 unit every 28 days
Aripiprazole Lauroxil (Aristada® ) 441 mg; 662 mg; 882 mg syringe	1 unit every 28 days
Aripiprazole Lauroxil (Aristada®) 1064mg syringe	1 unit every 56 days
Aripiprazole Lauroxil (Aristada® Initio™ ) 675mg syringe	Limited to 1 unit per 18-month period
Olanzapine (Zyprexa Relprevv®) 210mg & 300mg	2 units every 28 days
Olanzapine (Zyprexa Relprevv®) 405mg	1 unit every 28 days
Paliperidone Palmitate (Invega Hafyera®)	1 unit every 180 days
Paliperidone Palmitate (Invega Sustenna®)	1 unit every 28 days
Paliperidone Palmitate (Invega Trinza®)	1 unit per rolling 90 days
Risperidone (Perseris™)	1 unit every 28 days
Risperidone (Risperdal Consta®)	2 units every 28 days

**NOTE:** Refer to Section 37.5.5 of this manual chapter to access drug specific forms, criteria, and instructions at: <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf>

**Therapeutic Duplication**

Pharmacy claims for a beneficiary with an active oral antipsychotic prescription on file will deny when an additional pharmacy claim for a second oral antipsychotic prescription is submitted.

Pharmacy claims for a beneficiary with an active injectable antipsychotic prescription on file will deny when an additional pharmacy claim for a second injectable antipsychotic prescription is submitted.

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**Therapeutic Duplication of Olanzapine/Samidorphan (Lybalvi™) with Another Oral Antipsychotic Medication**

An incoming pharmacy claim for olanzapine/samidorphan (Lybalvi™) will deny with a therapeutic duplication if there is an active claim for another oral antipsychotic medication on file. Conversely, a claim for another oral antipsychotic medication will deny with a therapeutic duplication if there is an active claim for olanzapine/samidorphan (Lybalvi™) on file.

**Therapeutic Duplication of Paliperidone Palmitate (Invega Hafyera™) with Another Injectable Antipsychotic Medication**

An incoming pharmacy claim for paliperidone palmitate (Invega Hafyera™) will deny with a therapeutic duplication, if there is an active claim for another injectable antipsychotic medication on file. Conversely, a claim for another injectable antipsychotic medication will deny with a therapeutic duplication, if there is an active claim for paliperidone palmitate (Invega Hafyera™) on file.

**Prior Use Requirement Antipsychotic Agents**

Select antipsychotic agents have a prior use requirement at Point of Sale.

Pharmacy claims for cariprazine (Vraylar®) have a prior use requirement of a previous claim for cariprazine **OR** a preferred generic oral antipsychotic within the previous 365 days.

Pharmacy claims for lurasidone (Latuda®) have a prior use requirement of a previous claim for lurasidone **OR** a preferred generic oral antipsychotic within the previous 365 days.

An incoming pharmacy claim for paliperidone palmitate (Invega Hafyera™) will require a previous claim for any **ONE** of the medications listed below including the requested medication:

1. Four (4) claims for Invega Sustenna® in the previous 120-day period; **OR**
2. One (1) claim for Invega Trinza® in the previous 90-day period; **OR**
3. One (1) claim for Invega Hafyera™ in the previous 365 days.



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These agents require evidence in pharmacy claims indicating established tolerance with previous use of an oral or injectable form. (See the following chart).

Generic (Brand Example)	Claim for At Least a 14-Day Supply of Oral in Previous 30-Day Period	Number of Injectable Claims in Previous Period of Time
Aripiprazole (Abilify Maintena®)	Aripiprazole	<b>ONE</b> claim for ANY aripiprazole injectable product in the previous 365 days
Aripiprazole (Aristada®)		
Aripiprazole (Aristada Initio®)		
Olanzapine (Zyprexa Relprevv®)	Olanzapine	<b>ONE</b> claim for Zyprexa Relprevv® in the previous 365 days
Paliperidone (Invega Sustenna®)	Paliperidone or Risperidone	<b>ONE</b> claim for any risperidone injectable product <b>OR</b> Invega Sustenna® in the previous 365 days
Paliperidone (Invega Trinza®)	N/A	<b>FOUR</b> claims for Invega Sustenna® in the previous 120-day period <b>OR ONE</b> claim for Invega Trinza® in the previous 365 days
Risperidone (Risperdal Consta®)	Risperidone	<b>ONE</b> claim for Risperdal Consta® in previous 365 days
Risperidone (Perseris™)	Risperidone	<b>ONE</b> claim for Risperdal Consta® <b>OR</b> Perseris® in the previous 365 days

**Asthma/COPD- Immunomodulators**

Pharmacy claims for select immunomodulators require prior authorization.

**Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Agents**

Prescriptions for Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) agents will require an appropriate diagnosis code for reimbursement. Pharmacy claims for select ADD/ADHD medications will be subject to quantity limits. ADD/ADHD will be checked for therapeutic duplication.

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The numeric diagnosis code must be documented on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic record keeping system. The diagnosis code may be communicated to the pharmacist electronically, via telephone, or facsimile. After consultation with the prescriber, the pharmacist must document the diagnosis code on the hard copy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system. The diagnosis code is required for the claim submission.

Pharmacy claims for ADD and ADHD medications that have a missing or invalid diagnosis code will deny at POS.

When beneficiaries are established on ADD/ADHD medications, but the diagnosis codes submitted are not included in the table of covered diagnoses, prescribing providers may call the RxPA Unit (Refer to Section 37.5.4 for contact information.)

**NOTE:** Refer to the link to access the *POS User Guide* for detailed billing instructions at: [www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Pharmacy/LAPOS\\_User\\_Manual\\_static.pdf](http://www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Pharmacy/LAPOS_User_Manual_static.pdf)

**Therapeutic Duplication**

Pharmacy claims for ADD/ADHD medications will be subject to a therapeutic duplication.

An incoming pharmacy claim for a short-acting ADD/ADHD medication will deny when there is an active claim on file for another short-acting ADD/ADHD medication. An incoming claim for a long-acting ADD/ADHD medication will deny when there is an active claim on file for another long-acting ADD/ADHD medication.

An incoming pharmacy claim for an ADD/ADHD medication will deny when there is an active claim on file for another ADD/ADHD medication written by a different prescriber.

**Therapeutic Duplication of Serdexmethylphenidate/ Dexmethylphenidate (Azstarys™) with Another Long-Acting ADD/ADHD Medication**

An incoming pharmacy claim for serdexmethylphenidate/dexmethylphenidate (Azstarys™) will deny with a therapeutic duplication if there is an active claim for another long-acting ADD/ADHD medication on file. Conversely, a claim for long-acting ADD/ADHD medication will deny with a therapeutic duplication if there is an active claim for serdexmethylphenidate/dexmethylphenidate (Azstarys™) on file.

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An incoming pharmacy claim for serdexmethylphenidate/dexmethylphenidate (Azstarys™) will deny with a therapeutic duplication if there is an active claim for another short-acting ADD/ADHD medication on file. Conversely, a claim for short-acting ADD/ADHD medication will deny with a therapeutic duplication if there is an active claim for serdexmethylphenidate/dexmethylphenidate (Azstarys™) on file.

**Behavioral Health Medications for Beneficiaries 7 Years of Age and Younger**

Pharmacy claims for behavioral health medications for beneficiaries 7 years of age and younger require an approved clinical authorization for reimbursement.

**NOTE:** Refer to Section 37.5.5 of this manual chapter to access the Single Preferred Drug List (PDL), which is inclusive of the preferred/non-preferred drug list, clinical authorization list, drug specific forms, criteria, and POS edits (i.e. maximum daily dose and quantity limits) at:

<http://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf>

**Clinical Authorization for ADD/ADHD Medications for Beneficiaries Less Than 7 years of Age**

Pharmacy claims for ADD/ADHD medications for beneficiaries less than 7 years of age require an approved clinical authorization for reimbursement.

**Buprenorphine and Buprenorphine/Naloxone Agents (Bunavail, Suboxone®, and Zubsolv®)**

Prescriptions for buprenorphine and buprenorphine/naloxone agents (i.e. Bunavail®, Suboxone®, and Zubsolv®) are only reimbursed when the following criteria are met:

1. The prescriber is a physician;
2. The physician has an X Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) number;
3. The prescriber is licensed to prescribe buprenorphine and buprenorphine/naloxone agents (i.e. Bunavail®, Suboxone®, and Zubsolv®) and has provided a copy of his/her current Controlled Substance Registration Certificate indicating the X DEA

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number and a copy of a Provider Enrollment File Update Form to Provider Enrollment;

4. Concurrent prescriptions for opioid analgesics and/or benzodiazepines are only reimbursed when written by the same physician who prescribed the buprenorphine or buprenorphine/naloxone;
5. Beneficiaries must be sixteen years of age or older;
6. Prescriptions for Suboxone® (buprenorphine/naloxone) are allowed a maximum daily dose of 24mg/day (based on buprenorphine);
7. Prescriptions for buprenorphine agents are allowed a maximum daily dose of 24mg/day; and
8. Prescriptions for Zubsolv® are allowed a maximum of up to 17.1 mg/day (based on buprenorphine) per beneficiary for an initial 90 consecutive day period. After the initial 90 day period, a maximum daily dose of up to 11.4 mg/day (based on buprenorphine) is allowed per beneficiary.

**Diagnosis Code Requirement**

Prescriptions for buprenorphine agents require an appropriate diagnosis code documented on the hard copy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic record keeping system, after written or verbal consultation with the physician. The diagnosis code is required for the claim submission.

Acceptable diagnosis codes are as follows:

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code(s)	Description
F11.2*	Opioid Type Dependence

\* - any number or letter or combination of UP TO FOUR numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code

Buprenorphine Agents are also subject to prospective drug utilization reviews when concurrent opioid analgesics (i.e. Suboxone, and Zubsolv®) are written by the same physician.

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**NOTE:** Refer to “Prospective Drug Utilization Policies/Limits/Edits; Therapeutic Duplication” in this section for further policy as well as the *POS User Guide* accessed by visiting Section 37.5.1 for detailed billing information at:

[www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Pharmacy/LAPOS\\_User\\_Manual\\_static.pdf](http://www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Pharmacy/LAPOS_User_Manual_static.pdf)

**Quantity Limits on Buprenorphine-Naloxone Products**

The quantity limits for buprenorphine/naloxone products are listed in the following chart:

Product	Dose Form Route	Buprenorphine/Naloxone Strength		Quantity Limit (units/day)
Bunavail®	Film Buccal	2.1mg	0.3mg	1
		4.2mg	0.7mg	2
		6.3mg	1mg	2
Buprenorphine/Naloxone	Tablet Sublingual	2mg	0.5mg	1
		8mg	2mg	2
Suboxone®	Film Sublingual	2mg	0.5mg	1
		4mg	1mg	1
		8mg	2mg	2
		12mg	3mg	2
Zubsolv®	Tablet Sublingual	1.4mg	0.36mg	1
		2.9mg	0.71mg	1
		5.7mg	1.4mg	1
		8.6mg	2.1mg	2
		11.4mg	2.9mg	1

**Concurrent Opioid Analgesic and/or Benzodiazepine Therapies**

1. Concurrent opioid analgesic, benzodiazepine, and/or any buprenorphine containing agent prescriptions written by a different prescriber for beneficiaries on a buprenorphine agent will deny. There are no override provisions through the POS system using NCPDP service codes;
2. Incoming prescriptions for buprenorphine agents will deny when there is an active prescription for any buprenorphine containing agent on the beneficiary's file. There are no override provisions through the POS system using NCPDP service codes; and

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3. When a beneficiary has an active prescription for any opioid analgesic and/or any buprenorphine containing agent by the same prescriber, the incoming prescription will deny as a therapeutic duplication. The pharmacist must contact the physician for his/her authorization to assure the physician wants concurrent therapy before overriding the denial edit and filling the incoming prescription.

**Buprenorphine Buccal Film (Belbuca®)**

Prescriptions for buprenorphine buccal film (Belbuca®) will be reimbursed when:

1. A valid diagnosis code is entered at claims submission; and
2. The maximum daily dose limit of 1800 mcg/day is not exceeded.

All diagnosis codes are acceptable **EXCEPT** for the following:

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code(s)	Description
F11.2*	Opioid Type Dependence

\* - any number or letter or combination of UP TO FOUR numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code

**Buprenorphine Extended-Release Injection (Sublocade®)**

Buprenorphine extended-release injection (Sublocade®) will be reimbursed when the following criteria is met:

1. Prescriber requirements;
2. Age requirements;
3. Diagnosis code requirements;
4. Quantity limits; and
5. Therapeutic duplication.

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The prescriber is:

1. A physician;
2. Has an XDEA number; and
3. Is licensed to prescribe buprenorphine extended-release injection (Sublocade®) and has provided a copy of his/her current Controlled Substance Registration Certificate indicating XDEA number and a copy of a Provider Enrollment File Update form to Provider Enrollment.

**Age Requirements**

1. The patient must be 18 years of age or older.

**Diagnosis Code Requirements**

Prescriptions for buprenorphine agents require an appropriate diagnosis code entered at claim submission. The diagnosis code may be documented on the hard copy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic record keeping system by the pharmacist after written or verbal consultation with the physician.

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code (s)	Description
F11.2*	Opioid Type Dependence

**Quantity Limits**

Buprenorphine extended-release injection (Sublocade®) have a quantity limit of one pre-filled syringe per rolling 30 days.

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**Therapeutic Duplication**

When a patient has an active prescription for any opioid analgesic (including buprenorphine) written by the same prescriber, the incoming buprenorphine prescription will deny as a therapeutic duplication. **Override provisions are available.** The pharmacist will have to contact the physician for his/her authorization to verify the physician wants concurrent therapy.

Concurrent opioid analgesic and/or benzodiazepines prescriptions written by a different prescriber for patients on buprenorphine will deny. **There are no provisions for overrides.**

Incoming prescriptions for buprenorphine agents will deny when there is an active prescription for buprenorphine agents on the beneficiary's file. **There are no provisions for overrides.**

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[www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Pharmacy/LAPOS\\_User\\_Manual\\_static.pdf](http://www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Pharmacy/LAPOS_User_Manual_static.pdf)

**Buprenorphine Implant Kit (Probuphine®)**

Buprenorphine implant kit (Probuphine®) will be reimbursed when the following criteria is met:

1. Prescriber requirements;
2. Age requirements;
3. Diagnosis code requirements;
4. Quantity limits; and
5. Therapeutic duplication.

**Prescriber Requirements**

The prescriber is:

1. A physician;



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2. Has an XDEA number; and
3. Is licensed to prescribe buprenorphine implant (Probuphine®) and has provided a copy of his/her current Controlled Substance Registration Certificate indicating XDEA number and a copy of a Provider Enrollment File Update form to Provider Enrollment.

**Age Requirements**

1. The patient must be 16 years of age or older.

**Diagnosis Code Requirements**

Prescriptions for buprenorphine agents require an appropriate diagnosis code entered at claim submission. The diagnosis code may be documented on the hard copy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic record keeping system by the pharmacist after written or verbal consultation with the physician.

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code (s)	Description
F11.2*	Opioid Type Dependence

**Quantity Limits**

Buprenorphine implant kits (Probuphine®) have a quantity limit of two implant kits per 720 rolling days.

**Therapeutic Duplication**

When a patient has an active prescription for any opioid analgesic (including buprenorphine) written by the same prescriber, the incoming buprenorphine prescription will deny as a therapeutic duplication. **Override provisions are available.** The pharmacist will have to contact the physician for his/her authorization to verify the physician wants concurrent therapy.

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Concurrent opioid analgesic and/or benzodiazepines prescriptions written by a different prescriber for patients on buprenorphine will deny. **There are no provisions for overrides.**

Incoming prescriptions for buprenorphine agents will deny when there is an active prescription for buprenorphine agents on the beneficiary's file. **There are no provisions for overrides.**

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**Buprenorphine Transdermal Patches (Butrans®)**

Pharmacy claims for Buprenorphine Transdermal Patches (Butrans®) require an appropriate diagnosis code for reimbursement. The diagnosis code must be documented on the hardcopy prescription by the prescribing practitioner or by the pharmacist in the pharmacy's electronic record keeping system, after consultation with the prescriber. Claims submitted without a diagnosis code or with a diagnosis code related to the management of addictive disorders or substance abuse will deny.

There is no provision to override the denial when the diagnosis code is related to the management of addictive disorders or substance abuse. When the prescribing provider does not indicate a diagnosis code on the prescription and when the prescriber cannot be reached, a denial for a missing diagnosis code may be overridden if the pharmacist determines that the beneficiary cannot wait to receive the medication.

When the cumulative daily dosage for Buprenorphine Transdermal Patches (Butrans®) exceeds the maximum daily dosage, the claim will deny. The maximum daily dosage for this agent is 480 mcg/24hr (20mcg/hr). Do not exceed a dose of one 20mcg/hr buprenorphine patch. Refer to prescribing information. Each patch is intended to be worn for seven days.

There is no provision for override through the POS system for Buprenorphine Transdermal Patches (Butrans®) when the maximum daily dosage is exceeded.

**Cannabidiol (Epidiolex®)**

Pharmacy claims for cannabidiol (Epidiolex®) have a prior use requirement (in a previous 365-day period) of the following:

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1. **ONE** paid claim for cannabidiol (Epidiolex<sup>®</sup>); **OR**
2. A paid claim in the previous 365 days for at least **TWO** of the following agents (brand/generic or preferred/non-preferred formulations) below:
  - a. Clobazam;
  - b. Felbamate;
  - c. Lamotrigine;
  - d. Levetiracetam;
  - e. Rufinamide;
  - f. Topiramate; and
  - g. Valproate derivatives.

**Carisoprodol**

Pharmacy claims for carisoprodol will deny when the quantity exceeds 90 tablets per rolling 90 days. The quantity limit is cumulative and applies to all strengths and combinations of carisoprodol. The pharmacy claim will deny as exceeding the program's maximum allowed. **There are no provisions for overrides.**

**Cefiderocol (Fetroja)**

Pharmacy claims for cefiderocol (Fetroja<sup>®</sup>) have a clinical authorization requirement.

**Codeine**

Pharmacy claims for products containing codeine have an age limit for reimbursement. The acceptable age limits are listed in the chart.

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Description	Age (Y=Year)
Codeine (Single Ingredient)	≥18 Y
Codeine Combination Product	≥12 Y

**Collagenase Topical (Santyl®)**

Prescriptions for collagenase topical (Santyl®) will have a quantity limit of seven (7) 90 gram tubes per prescription, for a total of 630 grams.

**Contraceptive Agents****Drospirenone/Ethinylestradiol/Levomefolate Calcium (Beyaz®)**

Pharmacy claims for Drospirenone/Ethinyl Estradiol/Levomefolate Calcium (Beyaz®) require an appropriate diagnosis code for reimbursement. Claims submitted with diagnosis codes for cosmetic indications will deny.

**Etonogestrel (Nexplanon®)**

Pharmacy claims for Etonogestrel (Nexplanon®) will be limited to one implant every two years.

If the prescriber chooses to exceed the quantity limit for Etonogestrel (Nexplanon®), the pharmacist may override the limit after consultation with the prescribing practitioner. The pharmacist must document the NCPDP override codes and reason for the override on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system.

**Etonogestrel/Ethinyl Estradiol Vaginal Ring (Nuvaring®)**

Prescription claims for Etonogestrel/Ethinyl Estradiol vaginal ring (Nuvaring®) for quantities of four and greater will deny. There is no provision for override as these claims exceed the program maximum of a 100 day supply.

In addition, there will be a valid days' supply range dependent on the quantity billed:

1. If quantity = 1, then Days' Supply must be 21 to 28;

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2. If quantity = 2, then Days' Supply must be 42 to 56; and
3. If quantity = 3, then Days' Supply must be 63 to 84.

Pharmacists are allowed to override the denial on days' supply after consultation with the prescriber.

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**Oral Contraceptive Agents**

Oral contraceptive agents will have an age limit of 12-55 years of age per program policy for legacy Medicaid.

Pharmacy claims for oral contraceptive agents are subject to an **educational alert** encouraging the submission of a diagnosis code at POS. The acceptable diagnosis codes for oral contraceptives as a family planning benefit or for menstrual disorders are listed in the chart.

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code	Diagnosis Description
Z30*	Encounter for oral contraceptive management
F32.81	Premenstrual dysphoric disorder
N92*	Excessive, frequent and irregular menstruation

\*any number or letter or combination of UP TO FOUR numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code.

**Medroxyprogesterone Acetate Injectable**

Prescription claims for Medroxyprogesterone Acetate injectable for female beneficiaries billed with a quantity of one and a days' supply less than 84 will deny. Quantities of two and greater will not be payable with no provision for override as they exceed the program maximum of a 100 days' supply.

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Claims for Medroxyprogesterone Acetate sub-q 104 injectable for female beneficiaries, billed with a quantity of 0.65 and a days' supply less than 84, will deny. Quantities of 1.3 and greater will not be payable, with no provision for override, as they exceed the program maximum of a 100 days' supply.

Pharmacists are allowed to override the denial on days' supply after consultation with the prescriber.

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**Norelgestromin /Ethinyl Estradiol Transdermal Patches (Ortho-Evra) ®)**

Reimbursement of these contraceptive transdermal patches when dispensed using the package size of three must be billed in multiples of three. If the quantity billed is not a multiple of three, the claim will deny. There are no provisions for override.

**Cytokine and Cell-Adhesion Molecule (CAM) Antagonists**

Prescriptions for cytokine and cell-adhesion molecule (CAM) antagonists may require a clinical or prior authorization for reimbursement.

**NOTE:** Refer to Section 37.5.5 of this manual chapter to access drug specific forms, criteria, and instructions at: <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf>

**Cystic Fibrosis Agents**

Pharmacy claims for select oral agents for the treatment of cystic fibrosis require prior authorization.

**NOTE:** Refer to Section 37.5.5 of this manual chapter to access drug specific forms, criteria, and instructions at: <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf>

**Deferiprone (Ferriprox)**

Pharmacy claims for deferiprone (Ferriprox) will require an approved diagnosis code for chronic iron overload due to blood transfusions (E83.111 ) entered at Point of Sale.

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**NOTE:** Refer to the Diagnosis Code Policy Chart at:  
<https://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/PDL/7.30.2020/Louisiana.Medicaid.ICD-10.Chart.docx>

**Deferasirox (Exjade®, Jadenu®)**

Pharmacy claims for deferasirox (Exjade®, Jadenu®) are subject to diagnosis code requirements and age limitations.

**Beneficiaries 2 years of age and less**

Pharmacy claims for deferasirox (Exjade®, Jadenu®) will deny for beneficiaries 2 years of age or less.

**Beneficiaries 2-9 years of age**

Pharmacy claims for deferasirox (Exjade®, Jadenu®) require a valid diagnosis code for reimbursement. The diagnosis code must be documented on the hard copy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system. The pharmacist can document the diagnosis code after electronic or verbal consultation with the prescribing practitioner.

**Beneficiaries 10 years of age and older**

Pharmacy claims for deferasirox (Exjade®, Jadenu®) require a valid diagnosis code for reimbursement. The diagnosis code must be documented on the hard copy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system. The pharmacist can document the diagnosis code after electronic or verbal consultation with the prescribing practitioner.

The appropriate diagnosis codes for deferasirox (Exjade®) are listed in the chart:

Covered Indications at POS	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code
<b>2-9 years of age</b>	
Chronic iron overload due to blood transfusion	E83.111
<b>10 years of age and older</b>	

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Covered Indications at POS	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code
Chronic iron overload due to blood transfusion	E83.111
Chronic iron overload in non-transfusion-dependent thalassemia (NTDT) syndromes	D56.0, D56.1, D56.5, D56.8, D57.4*

\* - any number or letter or combination of UP TO FOUR numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code

**Dermatology-Atopic Dermatitis Immunomodulators**

Pharmacy claims for atopic dermatitis immunomodulators may require a clinical or prior authorization.

Pharmacy claims for crisaborole (Eucrisa®) have a quantity limit and prior use requirement.

Crisaborole Ointment (Eucrisa®) is subject to a quantity limit of 300 gm per rolling 365 days.

Pharmacy claims for crisaborole ointment (Eucrisa®) or ruxolitinib (Opzelura™), requires prior use of at least **ONE** paid claim in the previous 180 days for:

1. Drug [crisaborole ointment (Eucrisa®) or ruxolitinib cream (Opzelura™)];
2. Topical corticosteroid; **OR**
3. Topical calcineurin inhibitor .

**Desmopressin (Nocurna®)**

Pharmacy claims for desmopressin (Nocurna®) have a quantity limit.

Generic Name	Brand Name	Quantity Limit
Desmopressin	Nocurna®	30 tablets/day



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The Pharmacy Program reimburses claims for prescribed diabetic testing supplies. Diabetic testing supplies will have a diagnosis code requirement and quantity limit.

Diagnosis Description	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code	Quantity Limit
Diabetes Due to Other Conditions or Causes	E08*, E09*, E013*	100/102 Test Strips/90 days and 100/102 Lancets/90 days
Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus	E11*	
Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus	E10*	200/204 Test Strips/30 days and 200/204 Lancets/30 days
Gestational Diabetes; Diabetes Mellitus in Pregnancy	O24.4*; O24*	
Long-Term (Current) Use of Insulin (Insulin Treated Non- Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus)	Z79.4*	

\*any number or letter or combination of UP TO FOUR numbers or letters of an assigned ICD-10-

CM diagnosis code. All diabetic supply claims submitted to Medicaid will deny when beneficiaries are Medicare Part B eligible. Medicare Part B covers diabetic supplies for all diabetic beneficiaries regardless of insulin requirements. Pharmacy providers shall submit these claims to the Medicare durable medical equipment regional carrier (DMERC). These claims will then automatically cross over to the Medicaid fiscal intermediary for payment of the coinsurance and deductible amounts, where applicable.

Diabetic supplies and glucometers for long-term care beneficiaries are not covered in the Medicaid Pharmacy Program or through prior authorization because they are covered in the nursing facility per diem rate.

It is allowable for Medicare Part B to be billed if the long-term care beneficiary is eligible for the benefit. Medicaid is not obligated to pay the coinsurance and deductible if the items are included in the Medicaid per diem. The Medicaid fiscal intermediary will automatically deny any crossover claims for diabetic supplies for long-term care beneficiaries.

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**NOTE:** Refer to Section 37.5.7 - Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage for detailed information.

**Dextromethorphan/Quinidine (Nuedexta®)**

Pharmacy claims for dextromethorphan/quinidine (Nuedexta®) are subject to the quantity limit listed in the chart.

Generic Name	Brand Name	Quantity Limit
Dextromethorphan/Quinidine	Nuedexta®	60 tablets/30 days

**Diroximel Fumarate (Vumerity®)**

Pharmacy claims for diroximel fumarate (Vumerity®) are subject to the quantity limit listed in the chart.

Generic Name	Brand Name	Quantity Limit
Diroximel Fumarate	Vumerity®	1 starter bottle (106 capsules)/365 days
		1 maintenance bottle (120 capsules)/30 days

**Dichlorphenamide (Keveyis®)**

Pharmacy claims for dichlorphenamide are subject to a quantity limit of 120 tablets/30 days.

**Dofetilide (Tikosyn®)**

Pharmacy claims for dofetilide (Tikosyn®) have a clinical authorization requirement.

**Doxepin Cream (Prudoxin®, Zonalon®)**

Pharmacy claims for doxepin cream will be subject to the following edits:

1. Diagnosis code requirement;
2. Age limit;
3. Quantity limit; and

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4. Therapeutic duplication.

**Diagnosis Code Requirement**

Pharmacy claims for doxepin cream (Prudoxin®, Zonalon®) require a diagnosis code. The acceptable diagnosis codes are listed in the chart.

Generic Name	Brand Name	Description of Diagnosis	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code
Doxepin Cream	Prudoxin®, Zonalon®	Atopic Dermatitis	L20*
		Lichen Simplex Chronicus	L28.0

\*any number or letter or combination of UP TO FOUR numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code

**Age Limit**

Pharmacy claims for doxepin cream (Prudoxin®, Zonalon®) will deny when the beneficiary is less than 18 years old.

**Quantity Limit**

Pharmacy claims for doxepin cream (Prudoxin®, Zonalon®) will have a quantity limit of 45 grams per rolling 30 days.

**Therapeutic Duplication**

Pharmacy claims for doxepin cream (Prudoxin®, Zonalon®) will deny with a therapeutic duplication if there is an active claim on the beneficiary's file for doxepin cream (Prudoxin®, Zonalon®).

**Eculizumab (Soliris®)**

Pharmacy claims for eculizumab (Soliris®) require a diagnosis code for reimbursement.

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ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code*	Diagnosis Description
D59.3	Hemolytic-uremic syndrome
D59.5	Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria [Marchiafava-Micheli]
G36.0	Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder (NMOSD)
G70.0	Myasthenia Gravis

\* - any number or letter or combination of UP TO FOUR numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code

**Edaravone (Radicava®)**

Pharmacy claims for edaravone (Radicava®) require a diagnosis code. The diagnosis code must be documented on the prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system. The pharmacist can document the diagnosis code after electronic or verbal consultation with the prescribing practitioner.

Generic Name	Brand Name	Diagnosis	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code
Edaravone	Radicava ®	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	G12.21

**Epinephrine Injection (Generic, EpiPen®, and EpiPen Jr®)**

Prescriptions for epinephrine injection have the following quantity limits for reimbursement.

Medication	Quantity Limit
Epipen® (Brand and Generic) Epipen Jr® (Brand and Generic)	4 boxes of 2 syringes (8 syringes total) per rolling 365 days

**Esketamine Intranasal (Spravato®)**

Pharmacy claims for esketamine intranasal (Spravato®) require an approved clinical authorization for reimbursement.

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**Elagolix (Orilissa®)**

Pharmacy claims for elagolix (Orilissa®) require an approved clinical authorization for reimbursement.

**Empagliflozin/Linagliptin/Metformin HCl (Trijardy®)**

Pharmacy claims for empagliflozin/linagliptin/metformin HCl (Trijardy®) are subject to the following:

1. Prior use requirement;
2. Quantity limits; and
3. Therapeutic Duplication.

**Prior Use Requirement**

An incoming claim for empagliflozin/linagliptin/metformin (Trijardy® XR), will deny if there is no evidence of one of the following in paid claims:

1. At least a 90-day supply of ONE of the following in the previous 180-day period:
  - a. Metformin AND either a DPP-4 or an SGLT2;
  - b. A combination product of DPP-4/metformin or SGLT2/metformin; or
  - c. At least a 60-day supply of empagliflozin/linagliptin/metformin (Trijardy® XR) in the previous 90-day period.

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Pharmacy claims for empagliflozin/linagliptin/metformin HCl (Trijardy XR®) have the following quantity limits listed in the chart:

Generic Name	Brand Name	Quantity Limit
Empagliflozin/linagliptin/ metformin HCl	Trijardy® XR 10/5/1000	30 tablets / 30 days
	Trijardy® XR 25/5/1000	30 tablets / 30 days
	Trijardy® XR 5/2.5/1000	60 tablets / 30 days
	Trijardy® XR 12.5/2.5/1000	60 tablets / 30 days

**Therapeutic Duplication**

A pharmacy claim for empagliflozin/linagliptin/metformin HCl (Trijardy XR®) will deny at POS when there is an active claim on the beneficiary's file for another DPP-4 inhibitor or a SGLT2 Inhibitor. Conversely, a claim for a DPP-4 inhibitor or a SGLT2 Inhibitor will deny at POS when there is an active claim on the beneficiary's file for empagliflozin/linagliptin/metformin HCl (Trijardy XR®).

**Fertility Agents**

Fertility preparations, when they are used solely for the treatment of infertility, are not reimbursable. The drugs include Clomiphene citrate tablets 50mg, Urofollitropin ampules 75IU, and Menotropins ampules 150IU and 75IU.

**Givosiran (Givlaari®)**

Pharmacy claims for Givosiran (Givlaari®) have a clinical authorization requirement.

**Granulocyte Colony Stimulating Factor Agents (GCSF)**

The GCSF agents are listed in the following chart:

Granulocyte Colony Stimulating Factor (GCSF) Agents
Filgrastim (Neupogen®)

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<b>Granulocyte Colony Stimulating Factor (GCSF) Agents</b>
Filgrastim-aafi (Nivestym®)
Filgrastim-sndz (Zarxio®)
Pegfilgrastim (Neulasta®)
Pegfilgrastim-jmdb (Fulphila®)
Sargramostim (Leukine®)
Tbo-filgrastim (Granix®)

Prescriptions for Granulocyte Colony Stimulating Factor agents will be reimbursed when the prescriber has obtained an approved clinical authorization.

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**Growth Hormone**

Prescriptions for Growth Hormone will be reimbursed when:

1. The prescriber has obtained an approved clinical authorization; and
2. An acceptable diagnosis code has been submitted with the pharmacy claim.

**Diagnosis Code Requirement**

Pharmacy claims for Growth Hormone will require an acceptable diagnosis code for reimbursement.

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**Hepatitis C Virus Direct-Acting (DAA) Antiviral Agents**

Hepatitis C Direct Acting Antiviral Agent(s) may be subject to prior authorization and quantity limits.

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**Hemophilia Agents**

Pharmacy claims for select hemophilia agents have a diagnosis code requirement.

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**Hereditary Angioedema (HAE) Agents**

Pharmacy claims for Hereditary Angioedema agents require an approved clinical pre-authorization for reimbursement. The select HAE agents are as follows:

1. C1 Inhibitor, Human Injection (Berinert®);
2. C1 Inhibitor, Human Injection (Cinryze®);
3. C1 Inhibitor, Human Injection (Haegarda®);
4. C1 Inhibitor (Recombinant) Injection (Ruconest®);
5. Ecallantide Injection (Kalbitor®);
6. Icatibant Acetate Injection (Firazyr®); and
7. Lanadelumab Injection (Takhzyro®).

Refer to Section 37.5.5 of this manual chapter to access drug specific forms, criteria, and instructions at: <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf>

**Hormones**

Pharmacy claims for select hormones have a diagnosis code requirement. (See chart below).



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Generic-Brand Example	Diagnosis	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code
Goserelin Acetate (1 month) – Zoladex® 3.6mg	Breast Cancer (Female)	C50.1*
	Dysfunctional Uterine Bleeding	N89.7, N92.5, N93.8
	Endometriosis	N80.*
	Prostate Cancer	C61
Goserelin Acetate (3 month) – Zoladex® 10.8mg Histrelin Acetate – Vantas® Leuprolide Acetate – Eligard®, Lupron Depot® 7.5mg, 22.5mg (3 month), 30mg (4 month), 45mg (6 month) Triptorelin Pamoate – Trelstar®	Prostate Cancer	C61
Histrelin Acetate – Supprelin LA® Leuprolide Acetate – Lupron Depot-Ped®, Fensolvi® Triptorelin Pamoate – Triptodur®	Central Precocious Puberty	E30.1, E30.8
Leuprolide Acetate – Lupron®	Central Precocious Puberty	E30.1, E30.8
	Prostate Cancer	C61
Leuprolide Acetate – Lupron Depot® 3.75mg, 11.25mg (3 month)	Endometriosis	N80.*
	Uterine Leiomyoma	D25.*
Hydroxyprogesterone – Makena®, Generic, Authorized Generic	Pregnancy with History of Preterm–Labor	O09.21*
Nafarelin Acetate – Synarel®	Central Precocious Puberty	E30.1, E30.8
	Endometriosis	N80.*

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<b>Oral Contraceptives</b>  <i><b>Educational alert:</b> At Point-of-Sale Suggests a diagnosis code if one is not submitted on the pharmacy claim</i>  <i><b>Applies to FFS and All MCOs as of 10/1/18</b></i>	Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder	F32.81
	Excessive and Frequent Menstruation	N92*
	Encounter for Contraceptive Management	Z30*
<b>Progesterone – Crinone®</b>  <i><b>Applies to FFS and All MCOs as of 8/1/19</b></i>	Secondary Amenorrhea	N91.1*

**Hydroxyprogesterone Caproate (Makena®)**

Hydroxyprogesterone Caproate (Makena®) is a covered pharmacy and medical benefit.

Prescriptions for hydroxyprogesterone caproate (Makena®) require the following for reimbursement:

1. The prescriber has submitted an acceptable diagnosis code of O09.21\* Pregnancy with a history of pre-term labor;
2. The acceptable diagnosis code must be documented on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system. The diagnosis code may be communicated to the pharmacist from the prescriber (or prescriber's agent) electronically, via telephone, or facsimile; and
3. The acceptable diagnosis code must be submitted at POS.

When the prescriber does not indicate a diagnosis code on the prescription and the prescriber cannot be reached, a denial for a missing diagnosis code may be overridden by the pharmacist. The pharmacist must also document "Emergency Prescription" on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system.

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[www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Pharmacy/LAPOS\\_User\\_Manual\\_static.pdf](http://www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Pharmacy/LAPOS_User_Manual_static.pdf)

**Immune Globulin (Human)****Imiquimod**

Pharmacy claims for imiquimod require a diagnosis code. (See chart below).

<b>Generic-Brand Example</b>	<b>Diagnosis</b>	<b>ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code</b>
Imiquimod – Zyclara® 2.5%	Actinic Keratosis	L57.0
Imiquimod – Zyclara® 3.75%	Actinic Keratosis	L57.0
	External Genital Warts (Condylomata Acuminata)	A63.0
Imiquimod – Aldara® 5%	Actinic Keratosis	L57.0
	External Genital Warts (Condylomata Acuminata)	A63.0
	Superficial Basal Cell Carcinoma	C44.1*

\*any number or letter or combination of UP TO FOUR numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code

Pharmacy claims for select Immune Globulin (Human) agents have a clinical authorization requirement.

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specific forms, criteria, and POS edits (i.e. maximum daily dose and quantity limits) at:  
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**Incretin Mimetic/Enhancers**

Prescriptions for incretin mimetic/enhancers are subject to the following:

1. Prior use of metformin or another incretin mimetic/enhancer;
2. Quantity limits; and
3. Maximum daily dose limits.

**Prior Use of Metformin Required**

An incoming pharmacy claim for an incretin mimetic/enhancer will require evidence of previous use of metformin or a paid claim for the requested medication or another medication within the same therapeutic class.

An incoming claim for an incretin mimetic/enhancer will deny if there is no evidence of a paid claim(s) for at least 90 days of metformin therapy OR there is no evidence of at least 60 days of paid claims for the requested medication (or another incretin mimetic/enhancer).

**Maximum Daily Dose Limit**

The maximum dose for select incretin mimetic/enhancers are listed in the chart.

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Medication (Brand Name Example)	Maximum Dose
Alogliptin (Nesina®)	25mg/day
Alogliptin/Metformin (Kazano®)	25mg/2000mg per day
Alogliptin/Pioglitazone (Oseni®)	25mg/45mg per day
Exenatide (Bydureon®, Bydureon® BCise™)	2mg/week
Exenatide (Byetta®)	20mcg/day
Linagliptin (Tradjenta®)	5mg/day
Linagliptin/Metformin (Jentadueto®, Jentadueto XR®)	5mg/2000mg per day
Liraglutide (Victoza®)	1.8mg/day
Lixisenatide (Adlyxin®, Adlyxin® Starter Kit)	20mcg/day
Pramlintide (Symlin®)	Type 1 diabetes: 60mcg SQ immediately prior to each major meal
	Type 2 diabetes: 120mcg SQ immediately prior to each major meal
Saxagliptin (Onglyza®)	5mg/day
Saxagliptin/Metformin ER (Kombiglyze XR®)	5mg/2000mg per day
Semaglutide (Ozempic®)	1mg/week
Sitagliptin (Januvia®)	100mg/day
Sitagliptin/Metformin (Janumet®, Janumet XR®)	100mg/2000mg per day

\*Authorization at POS is required to exceed maximum doses.

**Quantity Limit**

Medication (Brand Name Example)	Maximum Dose
Dulaglutide (Trulicity®)	0.5 ml or 1 syringe per week

**Inotersen (Tegsedi®)**

Pharmacy claims for inotersen (Tegsedi®) require a diagnosis code. The diagnosis code must be documented on the prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system. The pharmacist can document the diagnosis code after electronic or verbal consultation with the prescribing practitioner.

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Generic Name	Brand Name	Diagnosis	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code
Inotersen	Tegsedi®)	Polyneuropathy of hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis	E85.1

**Interferons**

Select interferons have a diagnosis code requirement. (See chart below).

Generic-Brand Example	Diagnosis	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code
Interferon Alfa-2B Recombinant – Intron A®	AIDS–Related Kaposi's Sarcoma	C46.*
	Chronic Hepatitis B	B18.0, B18.1
	Chronic Hepatitis C	B18.2
	External Genital Warts (Condylomata Acuminata)	A63.0
	Follicular Lymphoma	C82.*
	Hairy Cell Leukemia	C91.4*
	Melanoma	C43.*
Interferon Gamma-1B – Actimmune®	Chronic Granulomatous Disease	D71
	Malignant Osteopetrosis	Q78.2
Peginterferon Alfa-2A – Pegasys®	Chronic Hepatitis B	B18.0, B18.1
	Chronic Hepatitis C	B18.2
Peginterferon Alfa-2B – Sylatron®	Melanoma	C43.*

\*any number or letter or combination of UP TO FOUR numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code

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**Ivermectin (Stromectol®)**

Pharmacy claims for ivermectin (Stromectol®) require an approved diagnosis code for reimbursement at POS.

**Ketorolac**

Pharmacy claims for oral forms of ketorolac will deny for a quantity greater than 20 or the day supply is greater than five days as exceeding the program's maximum allowed. The pharmacist may override the denial after consultation with the prescriber. The prescriber must supply the diagnosis code and the rationale for using greater than a five day supply of ketorolac. The diagnosis code is required for the claim submission.

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[www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Pharmacy/LAPOS\\_User\\_Manual\\_static.pdf](http://www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Pharmacy/LAPOS_User_Manual_static.pdf)

**Lasmiditan (Reyvow®)**

Pharmacy claims for lasmiditan (Reyvow®) have a quantity limit of 8 tablets per 30 days.

**Lefamulin (Xenleta™)**

Pharmacy claims for lefamulin (Xenleta™) have a clinical authorization requirement.

**L-glutamine oral powder (Endari®)**

Pharmacy claims for l-glutamine oral powder (Endari®) require an approved clinical authorization for reimbursement.

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**Linezolid (Zyvox®)**

Prescriptions for linezolid (Zyvox®) injections, tablets, and oral suspension will only be reimbursed when the prescriber has obtained an approved clinical authorization.

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**Lipotropics**

Pharmacy claims for select lipotropics may require clinical or prior authorization for reimbursement.

Select lipotropics have quantity limits as listed in the following chart.

Medication (Generic – Brand Example)	Quantity Limit
Alirocumab (Praluent®)	2 injections (2ml) per 28 days
Evolocumab (Repatha®) 140mg/ml	2 injections (2ml) per 28 days
Evolocumab (Repatha®) 420mg/3.5ml	2 injections (7ml) per 28 days
Lomitapide (Juxtapid®)	60 capsules per 30 days

**NOTE:** Refer to Section 37.5.5 of this manual chapter to access drug specific forms, criteria, and instructions at: <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf>

**Lumacaftor/Ivacaftor (Orkambi®)****Clinical Authorization**

Pharmacy claims for lumacaftor/ivacaftor (Orkambi®) will be reimbursed at POS when the prescriber has obtained an approved clinical authorization.

Override provisions should be addressed through the Clinical Authorization process.

**Diagnosis Code Requirements**

Pharmacy claims for lumacaftor/ivacaftor (Orkambi®) require a valid ICD-10-CM diagnosis code. The diagnosis code must be documented on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system. The following table lists the acceptable diagnosis code for lumacaftor/ivacaftor (Orkambi®).

Diagnosis	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code(s)
Cystic fibrosis	E84.*



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\* - any number or letter or combination of UP TO FOUR numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code

Lumacaftor/ivacaftor (Orkambi®) claims submitted at POS without a valid diagnosis code will deny.

Prescribing providers may call the RxPA Unit for guidance when beneficiaries are established on medications but the ICD-10-CM diagnosis code(s) submitted are not included in the covered diagnoses.

When the diagnosis code written on the prescription is not included in the list of covered diagnoses AND when the pharmacist cannot reach the prescriber OR when the RxPA Unit is closed, the pharmacist, using his/her professional judgment, may deem the filling of the prescription to be an “emergency”. In these emergency cases, the pharmacist must indicate “Emergency Prescription” on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy’s electronic recordkeeping system AND may override the diagnosis code requirement.

**Lumateperone (Caplyta™)**

Prescriptions for lumateperone (Caplyta™) are subject to the following edits:

1. Clinical authorization;
2. Diagnosis Code Requirement;
3. Maximum Daily Dose; and
4. Therapeutic Duplication.

**Clinical Authorization Requirement**

Pharmacy claims submitted for lumateperone (Caplyta™) will require a clinical authorization for beneficiaries 0-5 years old.

**Diagnosis Code Requirement**

Pharmacy claims for lumateperone (Caplyta™) require a valid diagnosis code at POS.

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Diagnosis	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code
Schizophrenia	F20.*

\* any number or letter or combination of UP TO FOUR numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code

**Maximum Daily Dose Limit**

Pharmacy claims submitted for lumateperone (Caplyta™) for beneficiaries 6-17 years old will deny.

Pharmacy claims submitted for lumateperone (Caplyta™) for beneficiaries 18 years old or older will deny when the dose exceeds 42mg/day.

**Therapeutic Duplication**

Pharmacy claims for lumateperone (Caplyta™) will deny if the beneficiary has an active prescription on file for a traditional or atypical oral antipsychotics. Pharmacy claims submitted for a traditional or atypical oral antipsychotic will deny if the beneficiary has an active prescription on file for lumateperone (Caplyta™).

**Omalizumab (Xolair®)**

Prescriptions for omalizumab (Xolair®) will be reimbursed when the following criteria are met:

1. The prescriber has obtained prior authorization for the beneficiary to receive the omalizumab or the beneficiary has an existing prior authorization for omalizumab; and
2. The beneficiary is 12 years of age or older on the date of service.

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**Mosquito Repellents**

Prescriptions for mosquito repellents are covered to decrease the risk of exposure to the Zika virus. Mosquito repellent coverage will be limited to Medicaid beneficiaries:

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1. Who are pregnant; or
2. Of childbearing years (women and men 14-44 years of age) who are trying to conceive.

A prescription will be required to cover one of the following products:

Product Name	Ounces	Bill As
Cutter Backwoods 25 percent Spray	6 oz.	170 g
Cutter Skinsations 7 percent Spray	6 oz.	177 mL
OFF! Family Care 15 percent Spray	2.5 ounces	71 g
OFF! Deep Woods Dry 25 percent Spray	4 ounces	113 g
OFF! Deep Woods 25percent Spray	6 ounces	170 g
OFF! Active 15 percent Spray	6 ounces	170 g
Repel Sportsmen 25 percent Spray	6.5 ounces	184 g
Repel Sportsmen Max 40 percent Spray	6.5 ounces	184 g
Natrapel 20 percent Picaridin	5 ounces	177 mL
Sawyer Insect Repellent 20 percent Picaridin	4 ounces	118 mL

**Quantity Limit**

One bottle of mosquito repellent will be covered every rolling 30 days.

**Age Restriction**

Pharmacy claims for mosquito repellents have an age limit of 14 to 44 (of childbearing) years of age.

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Prescriptions for Multiple Sclerosis treatment agents may require an approved clinical or prior authorization for reimbursement.

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**Naloxone**

Pharmacy claims for naloxone have a quantity limit requirement for reimbursement. Refer to the chart below.

Description	Dosage Form	Strength	Units per 90 Rolling Days	Representative Brand
Naloxone	Injectable Solution	0.4mg/ml	2	Naloxone
Naloxone	Injectable Solution Cartridge	0.4mg/ml	2	Naloxone
Naloxone	Injectable Solution Prefilled Syringe	1mg/ml	2	Naloxone
Naloxone	Injectable Solution (5ml, 10ml, 20ml)	1mg/ml	1	Naloxone
Naloxone	Injectable Solution (10ml)	0.4mg/ml	1	Naloxone
Naloxone	Injectable Solution Auto-Injector	0.4mg/0.4ml	2	Evzio®
Naloxone	Nasal Liquid	4mg/0.1ml	2	Narcan®

**Nicotine Transdermal Patches, Gum and Spray**

Select nicotine transdermal patches, nicotine polacrlix gum, and nicotine spray are covered.

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Pharmacy claims for nintedaib (Ofev®) have a clinical authorization requirement and quantity limit of 60 capsules/30 days.

**Orlistat**

Medicaid will provide reimbursement to outpatient pharmacies for orlistat prescriptions based on the following criteria:

1. Patient is 12 years of age or older;
2. The prescription is for a maximum of 90 capsules **and** 30 days' supply;
3. The beneficiary has a documented current body mass index (BMI) of 27 or greater and the prescriber had identified the BMI, in his/her handwriting, on the dated prescription or a dated and signed attachment to the prescription or the BMI is entered by the pharmacist in the pharmacy's electronic record keeping system after it is communicated by the prescriber;
4. The beneficiary has other risk factors warranting the use of Orlistat and the prescriber has identified an approved diagnosis code in his/her handwriting, on the dated prescription or a dated and signed attachment to the prescription; and
5. There are no provisions for override of the prospective drug utilization edits, i.e., early refill (ER) and duplicate drug (ID) editing.

The beneficiary has a diagnosis for other risk factors warranting the use of orlistat (Xenical®) and the prescriber has identified an approved diagnosis code.

**NOTE:** Refer to the Diagnosis Code Policy Chart at:  
<https://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/PDL/7.30.2020/Louisiana.Medicaid.ICD-10.Chart.docx>

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**Onasemnogene Abeparvovec Injection (Zolgensma®)**

Pharmacy claims for onasemnogene abeparvovec injection (Zolgensma®) require a clinical authorization.

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**Oxybate Salts (Calcium, Magnesium, Potassium, and Sodium) Oral, (Xywav®)**

Pharmacy claims for oxybate salts (calcium, magnesium, potassium and sodium) oral, (Xywav™) require clinical authorization and may be subject to a therapeutic duplication.

Incoming prescriptions for oxybate salts (calcium, magnesium, potassium and sodium) oral, (Xywav™) will deny with a therapeutic duplication when there is an active prescription on the beneficiary's file for a CNS depressant medication, whether as a single entity or as a component of a combination product. An active prescription is a prescription in which the days' supply has not expired. Alternately, incoming prescriptions for a CNS depressant medication will deny with a therapeutic duplication when there is an active prescription on the beneficiary's file for oxybate salts (calcium, magnesium, potassium and sodium) oral, (Xywav™).

**Palivizumab (Synagis®)**

Prescriptions for palivizumab (Synagis®) will only be reimbursed when prescriptions meet the following criteria:

1. The prescriber has obtained an approved clinical authorization.

**NOTE:** Refer to Section 37.5.5 of this manual chapter to access drug specific forms, criteria, and instructions at: <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf>

**Respiratory Syncytial Virus Season**

Louisiana's respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) activity may be followed during the RSV season by frequently accessing the Center for Disease Control's website. (Refer to Section 37.5.4 for web address). The RSV season in Louisiana begins November 1<sup>st</sup> and ends March 31<sup>st</sup>.

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**Age Restriction**

Palivizumab claims for beneficiaries who are 24 months of age or younger on November 1<sup>st</sup> of the current RSV season meet the POS age requirement.

**Early Refill**

Palivizumab claims will only process for payment every 28 days. When a pharmacy submits a claim for Synagis® and there is an active paid Synagis® claim on file, the incoming claim will deny. An active prescription is a prescription in which the days' supply has not expired.

**Maximum Number of Doses Allowed**

Claims billed for Synagis® outside the allowable number of doses will deny. Based upon the diagnosis code submitted, a maximum of five doses of Synagis® will be reimbursed each RSV season. If the initial dose is given in October, the fifth and final dose should be given in February. If initial dose is given in November, the fifth and final dose should be given in March.

**Medical Reconsideration for Palivizumab (Synagis®)**

Medical reconsideration of a denied clinical authorization decision may be requested by the prescribing practitioner. Medical reconsideration requires completion of the Palivizumab Request for Reconsideration Form.

**Palivizumab Criteria ICD-10-CM Code and Medication List**

**NOTE:** Any accepted diagnosis code listed on the Palivizumab Clinical Authorization Form must have supporting documentation attached. Supporting documentation is supplemental information submitted to support the patient meeting the criteria and may include copies of progress notes, hospital discharge notes, pediatric cardiologist consult notes, chart notes, pharmacy profiles, etc.

**Neuromuscular Disorders**

Acceptable ICD-10 codes include:

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ICD-10-CM Code	Description
A80.0-A80.39	Infantile paralysis
G31.9	Cerebral degenerations
G25.3	Myoclonus
G11.1, G11.4	Spinocerebellar disease
G12.0	Werdnig-Hoffman disease (Infantile spinal muscular atrophy)
G12.1, G12.8, G12.9	Spinal muscular atrophy
G12.2*	Motor neuron disease

Exclude (but not limited to) the following (i.e. the following are NOT accepted):

ICD-10-CM Code	Description
G80*	Cerebral palsy
G40.3*	Generalized convulsive epilepsy
G40.4*	Grand mal seizures
G40*	Epilepsy
Q05*	Spina bifida
P90	Newborn seizures
R56*	Infantile seizures

**Congenital Abnormalities of the Airways**

Acceptable ICD-10 codes include:

ICD-10-CM Code	Description
G47.35	Congenital central alveolar hypoventilation syndrome



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Q32.0, Q32.1	Other diseases of the trachea and bronchus, not elsewhere classified (Must specify Tracheomalacia or tracheal stenosis)
Q31.1, Q31.5, Q32.1, Q32.4	Other anomalies of larynx, trachea, and bronchus (Must specify congenital tracheal stenosis, subglottic stenosis, atresia of trachea, laryngomalacia, or absence or agenesis of bronchus, trachea)
Q33.0	Congenital cystic lung
Q33.3, Q33.6	Agenesis, hypoplasia, and dysplasia of the lung
Q33.4	Congenital bronchiectasis
Q38.2	Macroglossia
Q38.5	Uvula anomaly
J98.6	Diaphragmatic paralysis
Q87.3	Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome

Exclude (but not limited to) the following (i.e. the following are NOT accepted):

ICD-10-CM Code	Description
Q33.9	Anomaly of lung, unspecified
Q33.1, Q33.8	Other anomaly of the lung

**Chronic Lung Disease**

Acceptable ICD-10 code:

ICD-10-CM Code	Description
P27*	Chronic respiratory disease arising in the perinatal period (CLD/BPD/Interstitial

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	pulmonary fibrosis of prematurity/Wilson-Mikity syndrome)
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Exclude (but not limited to) the following (i.e. the following are NOT accepted):

ICD-10-CM Code	Description
J05.0	Croup
J06*	URI
J20*	Bronchitis
J21*	Bronchiolitis
J45*	Asthma
R06.2	Wheezing

**Congenital Heart Diseases**

Per AAP guidelines, prophylaxis with palivizumab in children with chronic heart disease (CHD) should be made on the degree of cardiovascular compromise. CHD that is deemed hemodynamically insignificant will not meet criteria. Documentation must specifically support CHD being hemodynamically significant (e.g. medications, etc.).

Acceptable ICD-10 codes include:

**Acyanotic CHD**

ICD-10-CM Code	Description
Q23.0	Aortic stenosis
I37.0, I37.1, I37.2, Q22.1, Q22.2	Pulmonary valve disorders (incompetence, insufficiency, regurgitation, and stenosis)
I42*, I43	Cardiomyopathy (must be moderate to severe)
Q21.0	Ventricular septal defect
Q21.1	Atrial septal defect

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ICD-10-CM Code	Description
Q21.2	Atrioventricular canal (endocardial cushion defect)
Q22.3	Anomalies of pulmonary valve congenital
Q22.1	Pulmonic stenosis
Q23.0	Congenital stenosis of aortic valve (congenital aortic stenosis) [Excludes: congenital subaortic stenosis; supravalvular aortic stenosis]
Q23.3	Congenital mitral insufficiency
Q25.0	Patent ductus arteriosus
Q25.1	Coarctation of the aorta
Q25.2, Q25.3	Atresia and stenosis of aorta (absence, aplasia, hypoplasia, stricture of the aorta) Supra (valvular)-aortic stenosis [Excludes: congenital aortic (valvular) stenosis or stricture; hypoplasia of aorta in hypoplastic left heart syndrome]

**NOTE:** Must currently be receiving medication to control congestive heart failure.

**Cyanotic CHD**

ICD-10-CM Code	Description
Q20.0	Truncus arteriosus
Q20.3	Transposition of the great vessels
Q21.3	Tetralogy of Fallot
Q22.0	Atresia, congenital
Q22.4	Tricuspid atresia and stenosis, congenital
Q22.5	Ebstein's anomaly

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ICD-10-CM Code	Description
Q23.4	Hypoplastic left heart
Q22.6	Hypoplastic right heart
Q25.5	Pulmonary atresia
Q26.2	Total anomalous pulmonary venous return

**NOTE:** Does not require use of medication/must not have had or completed surgical correction.

**Pulmonary Hypertension**

ICD-10-CM Code	Description
I26.0*	Acute cor pulmonale
I27.0	Primary pulmonary hypertension
I27.2	Other chronic pulmonary heart disease (pulmonary hypertension, secondary)
P29.3	Persistent fetal circulation (persistent pulmonary hypertension/primary pulmonary hypertension of newborn)

\*any number or letter or combination of UP TO FOUR numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code

**Acceptable Medications Used in CHD**

Digoxin	ACE Inhibitors	Supplemental oxygen
Beta Blockers	Nitroglycerin	Diuretics
Calcium Channel Blockers	Anti-Coagulants	

**NOTE:** Refer to “Prospective Drug Utilization Policies/Limits/Edits”, and as well as the *POS User Guide* accessed at: [www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Pharmacy/LAPOS\\_User\\_Manual\\_static.pdf](http://www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Pharmacy/LAPOS_User_Manual_static.pdf) or by visiting Section 37.5.1 for detailed claims filing information.

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Pharmacy claims for penicillamine (Cuprimine®, Depen®) have quantity limits. The quantity limits are listed in the chart.

Generic Name	Brand Name	Quantity Limit
Penicillamine	Cuprimine®	240 capsules/30 days
	Depen®	240 tablets/30 days

**Pyrimethamine (Daraprim®)**

Prescriptions for pyrimethamine (Daraprim®) will be reimbursed when:

1. The prescriber has obtained an approved clinical authorization.

**NOTE:** Refer to Section 37.5.5 of this manual chapter to access the Single Preferred Drug List (PDL), which is inclusive of the preferred/non-preferred drug list, clinical authorization list, drug specific forms, criteria, and POS edits (i.e. maximum daily dose and quantity limits) at: <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf>

**Schedule II Narcotic Agents**

All prescriptions for Schedule II narcotic agents require a diagnosis code indicating the reason for use documented on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic record keeping system. The diagnosis code must be written on the hardcopy prescription by the prescribing practitioner or by the pharmacist in the pharmacy's electronic record keeping system after consultation with the prescriber.

Except for methadone, when the prescribing practitioner does not indicate a diagnosis code on the prescription and when the prescriber cannot be reached, a denial for a missing diagnosis code may be overridden if the pharmacist determines that the beneficiary cannot wait to receive the medication.

Schedule II narcotic agents are also subject to prospective drug utilization reviews which address quantity limits.

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**NOTE:** Refer to “Prospective Drug Utilization Policies/Limits/Edits” in this section for further information.

**Fentanyl Buccal and Sublingual Agents**

Claims for fentanyl buccal and sublingual agents (Abstral®, Actiq®, Fentora® and Onsolis®) **must** contain a cancer-related diagnosis code in order for the claim to process for payment through the POS System.

Acceptable diagnosis codes are as follows:

ICD-10-CM Code Range	Description
C00.*-C96*	Cancer

Buccal and sublingual agents are subject to prospective drug utilization reviews which address quantity limits.

**Diagnosis Code Requirement**

Pharmacy claims for fentanyl nasal solution (Lazanda®) and fentanyl sublingual liquid (Subsys®) require an appropriate diagnosis code documented on the hardcopy prescription by either the prescriber or pharmacist. The pharmacist may document the diagnosis code after electronic or verbal consultation with the prescribing practitioner on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy’s electronic recordkeeping system.

**Age Restriction**

Claims for fentanyl nasal solution (Lazanda®) and fentanyl sublingual liquid (Subsys®) will deny when the beneficiary is 17 years of age or younger.

**Methadone**

All prescriptions for methadone must have a diagnosis code for payment. There are no provisions for an override of methadone when a diagnosis code is omitted. Methadone products when used for the treatment of opioid addiction in detoxification or maintenance programs shall only be dispensed by opioid treatment programs certified by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

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Prescriptions for methadone will be reimbursed when the prescriber has obtained an approved clinical authorization.

**NOTE:** Refer to Section 37.5.5 of this manual chapter to access drug specific forms, criteria, and instructions at: <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf>

**Morphine ER (Avinza®)**

When the cumulative daily dosage for Morphine ER (Avinza®) exceeds the maximum daily dosage, the claim will deny. The maximum daily dosage for this agent is 1600mg per day. There is no provision for override through the POS system for Morphine ER (Avinza®) when the maximum daily dosage is exceeded.

**Oxycodone/Acetaminophen 7.5/325mg (Xartemis XR®)**

Prescriptions for oxycodone/acetaminophen (Xartemis XR®) require an appropriate diagnosis code documented on the hard copy prescription by the prescriber or pharmacist. The pharmacist may document the diagnosis code after electronic or verbal consultation with the prescribing practitioner on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system.

Pharmacy claims for oxycodone/acetaminophen (Xartemis XR®) have a quantity limit of 30 units every 15 days within a 30-day period.

**Paroxetine Mesylate (Brisdelle®)**

Pharmacy claims for paroxetine mesylate (Brisdelle®) require submission of a valid diagnosis code at POS for reimbursement. The diagnosis code must be documented on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system. The following table lists the acceptable diagnosis codes for paroxetine mesylate (Brisdelle®).

Medication	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code*	Diagnosis Description
Paroxetine Mesylate (Brisdelle®)	E28.310	Moderate to severe vasomotor symptoms associated with menopause
	E89.41	
	N95.1	

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Pharmacy claims for patisiran (Onpattro®) require a diagnosis code. The diagnosis code must be documented on the prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system. The pharmacist can document the diagnosis code after electronic or verbal consultation with the prescribing practitioner.

Generic Name	Brand Name	Diagnosis	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code
Patisiran	Onpattro®	Polyneuropathy of hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis	E85.1

**Perampanel (Fycompa®)****Age Limit**

Pharmacy claims for perampanel (Fycompa®) will deny for beneficiaries under four years of age.

After consultation with the prescriber to verify the necessity of prescribing perampanel (Fycompa®) for a beneficiary under four years of age, the pharmacist may override the age restriction. The reason for service code, professional service code and result of service code used in submitting the claim must be documented on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system.

**NOTE:** The *POS User Guide* can be accessed at:

[www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Pharmacy/LAPOS\\_User\\_Manual\\_static.pdf](http://www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Pharmacy/LAPOS_User_Manual_static.pdf) or by visiting Section 37.5.1 for detailed billing instructions and override procedures.

**Pirfenidone (Esbriet®)**

Pharmacy claims for pirfenidone (Esbriet®) have a clinical authorization requirement and quantity limit of 90 capsules or tablets/30 days.



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Pharmacy claims for progesterone (Crinone® 4%) will require a diagnosis code for payment.

Generic Name	Brand Name	Diagnosis	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code
Progesterone micronized	Crinone® 4%	Secondary Amenorrhea	N91.1

\*Any number or letter or combination of UP TO FOUR numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code.

**Quinine Sulfate**

Pharmacy claims for quinine sulfate (Qualaquin®) 324mg have a quantity limit of

42 capsules/7 day supply per 365 days.

**Riluzole (Rilutek®, Tiglutik®)**

Pharmacy claims for riluzole (Rilutek®), Tiglutik®) require a diagnosis code. The diagnosis code must be documented on the prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system. The pharmacist can document the diagnosis code after electronic or verbal consultation with the prescribing practitioner.

Generic Name	Brand Name	Diagnosis	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code
Riluzole	Rilutek®; Tiglutik®	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	G12.21

**Risdiplam (Evrysdi™)**

Pharmacy claims for risdiplam (Evrysdi™) have a quantity limit and clinical authorization requirement.

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Generic Name	Brand Name	Quantity Limit
Risdiplam	Evrysdi™	160 ml (2-80 ml bottles)

**Risankizumab Injection (Skyrizi®)**

Pharmacy claims for risankizumab injection (Skyrizi®) require a clinical authorization.

**NOTE:** Refer to Section 37.5.5 of this manual chapter to access drug specific forms, criteria, and instructions at: <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf>

**Roflumilast (Daliresp®)**

Pharmacy claims for roflumilast (Daliresp®) require an approved clinical authorization for reimbursement.

**NOTE:** Refer to Section 37.5.5 of this manual chapter to access drug specific forms, criteria, and instructions at: <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf>

**Selumetinib (Koselugo™)**

Pharmacy claims for selumetinib (Koselugo®) have a clinical authorization requirement and quantity limit of 120 capsules/30 days.

**Semaglutide (Rybelsus®)**

Pharmacy claims for semaglutide (Rybelsus®) are subject to a prior use and quantity limit edit.

Pharmacy claims for semaglutide (Rybelsus®) will have a quantity limit of 30 tablets/30 days. Pharmacy claims for semaglutide (Rybelsus®) will require previous use of metformin or a paid claim for semaglutide (Rybelsus®) or another Incretin Mimetic Enhancers. An incoming claim for semaglutide (Rybelsus®) will deny if there is no evidence of a paid claim(s) for at least 90 days of metformin therapy in the previous 180-day period or if there is no evidence of paid claims of at least 60 days of semaglutide (Rybelsus®) or other Incretin Mimetic/Enhancers within the previous 90 days.

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Prescriptions for short- acting beta<sub>2</sub> agonist inhalers (SABAs) (i.e albuterol, levalbuterol, and pirbuterol):

1. Require an appropriate diagnosis code; and
2. Are subject to a maximum quantity of six short-acting beta<sub>2</sub> agonist inhalers per calendar year.

**Diagnosis Code Requirement**

The diagnosis code must be documented on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic record keeping system. The diagnosis code may be communicated to the pharmacist electronically, via telephone or facsimile.

Diagnosis codes which bypass the six inhaler limit are noted below:

<b>Generic – Brand Example</b>	<b>Diagnosis Description</b>	<b>ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code(s)</b>
Albuterol – ProAir HFA <sup>®</sup> , ProAir RespiClick <sup>®</sup> , ProAir Digihaler <sup>®</sup> , Proventil HFA <sup>®</sup> , Ventolin HFA <sup>®</sup> <b>YQ</b> Levalbuterol – Xopenex HFA <sup>®</sup> <b>YQ</b> <i>Yearly Quantity Limit (YQ)</i>	Bronchitis, not specified	J40
	Chronic Airway Obstruction	J44.9
	Cystic Fibrosis	E84.*
	Emphysema	J43.*
	Obstructive Chronic Bronchitis, Chronic Obstructive Asthma	J44.*

\* – any number or letter or combination of **UP TO FOUR** numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code.

Pharmacy claims that do not indicate a diagnosis code on the prescription and the prescriber cannot be reached; a denial for a missing diagnosis code may be overridden by the pharmacist entering the emergency override.

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**Quantity Limit**

If the prescriber chooses to exceed the quantity limit, the prescriber must provide the reason why the limit needs to be exceeded. The pharmacist may override the limit after consultation with the prescriber. The pharmacist must document on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic record-keeping system the following:

1. The prescriber's reason why the limit needs to be exceeded; and
2. The NCPDP DUR override codes used in submitting the claim.

If the prescriber cannot be reached, the pharmacist may override the quantity limit by entering the emergency override. The pharmacist must document "Emergency" on the hardcopy prescription and the reason for entering the emergency override.

**Therapeutic Duplication**

Pharmacy claims billed for concurrent use of different SABAs will deny with a therapeutic duplication. After consultation with the prescribing provider, the pharmacist may override the therapeutic duplication. This consultation is necessary to confirm that:

1. The prescriber is aware of the current active SABA claim; and
2. The addition of a different SABA is necessary (i.e., a change in therapy).

To bill concurrent therapy with different SABAs, the pharmacist must document on the hardcopy prescription or the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system the following:

1. The reason why an additional SABA was requested by the prescriber; and
2. The NCPDP DUR override codes used in submitting the claim.

**NOTE:** Refer to 'Drugs with Special Payment Criteria/Limitations' in this section for further policy regarding short-acting beta<sub>2</sub> agonist inhalers.

**Sickle Cell Anemia Treatment Agents**

Select sickle cell anemia treatment agents may require prior authorization or clinical authorization.

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Pharmacy claims for voxelotor (Oxbryta®) are limited to a quantity of 90 tablets per 30 days.

**Sildenafil (Revatio®) and Tadalafil (Adcirca®)**

Prescriptions for Sildenafil (Revatio®) and Tadalafil (Adcirca®) are payable when prescribed for primary pulmonary hypertension. An appropriate diagnosis code must be documented on all prescriptions by either the prescriber or the pharmacist. The diagnosis code may be communicated to the pharmacist electronically, via telephone, or facsimile. The diagnosis code is required for the claim submission.

The following diagnosis codes are acceptable:

ICD-10-CM Code	Description
I27.0, I27.2, I27.89, P29.3	Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension

**Skeletal Muscle Relaxants**

Pharmacy claims for skeletal muscle relaxants that contain codeine (carisoprodol-aspirin-codeine) will deny at the POS if the beneficiary is less than 12 years of age.

Pharmacy claims for skeletal muscle relaxants are subject to a quantity limit. (See chart below.)

Medication	Quantity Limit per 30 days
Baclofen 10mg	120 Units
Baclofen 20mg	120 Units
Cyclobenzaprine 5mg	90 Units
Cyclobenzaprine 7.5mg	90 Units
Cyclobenzaprine 10mg	90 Units
Cyclobenzaprine 15mg	30 Units
Cyclobenzaprine 30mg	30 Units
Tizanidine 2mg	90 Units
Tizanidine 4mg	90 Units
Tizanidine 6mg	180 Units

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**Sodium-Glucose Co-Transporter 2 (SGLT2) Inhibitors and Combination Products**

Prescriptions for Sodium-Glucose Co-Transporter 2 (SGLT2) Inhibitors and combination products will be reimbursed when:

1. The prescriber has obtained an approved clinical authorization.

**Prior Use of Metformin Required (SGLT2 Inhibitors Only)**

An incoming pharmacy claim for a SGLT2 inhibitor will require evidence of previous use of metformin or a paid claim for the requested medication or another medication within the same therapeutic class.

An incoming claim for a SGLT2 inhibitor will deny if there is not a paid claim(s) for at least 90 days of metformin therapy OR there is no evidence of at least 60 days of paid claims for the requested medication (or another SGLT2 inhibitor).

**Exception:** Pharmacy claims submitted for dapagliflozin (Farxiga®) and empagliflozin (Jardiance®) will bypass the POS prior drug use requirement for metformin and SGLT2 when submitted with an appropriate bypass diagnosis code of heart failure (I50\*) or chronic kidney disease (N18\*).

**NOTE:** \* can be any number or letter or combination of **UP TO FOUR** numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code.

**NOTE:** Refer to Section 37.5.5 of this manual chapter to access drug specific forms, criteria, and instructions at: <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf>

**Sodium Oxybate (Xyrem®)****Clinical Pre-Authorization**

Pharmacy claims for sodium oxybate (Xyrem®) will be reimbursed when the prescriber has obtained an approved clinical authorization. A diagnosis of narcolepsy or cataplexy must be submitted in the clinical authorization process.

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Pharmacy claims for sodium oxybate (Xyrem®) will deny when the beneficiary has an active claim on file for a CNS depressant. Claims for CNS depressants will deny when the beneficiary has an active claim on file for sodium oxybate (Xyrem®).

CNS depressant medications include the following agents, whether given as a single entity or as a component of a combination product:

Alprazolam	Dantrolene	Metaxalone	Quazepam
Baclofen	Diazepam	Methadone	Ramelteon
Buprenorphine	Dihydrocodeine	Methocarbamol	Remifentanyl
Buspirone	Doxepin	Midazolam	Secobarbital
Butabarbital	Estazolam	Morphine	Sufentanyl
Butalbital	Eszopiclone	Nalbuphine	Suvorexant
Butorphanol	Fentanyl	Opium	Tapentadol
Carisoprodol	Flurazepam	Orphenadrine	Tasimelteon
Chlordiazepoxide	Hydrocodone	Oxazepam	Temazepam
Chlorzoxazone	Hydromorphone	Oxycodone	Tizanidine
Clonazepam	Levorphanol	Oxymorphone	Tramadol
Clorazepate	Lorazepam	Paregoric	Triazolam
Codeine	Meperidine	Pentazocine	Zaleplon
Cyclobenzaprine	Meprobamate	Phenobarbital	Zolpidem

The therapeutic duplication edit for sodium oxybate (Xyrem®) and CNS depressants can be overridden in emergency circumstances. These claims will require consultation and approval from the prescribing provider to override the therapeutic duplication. After consultation with the prescribing provider, the pharmacist may override the therapeutic duplication with the emergency override. The pharmacist must document “**Emergency**” on the hardcopy prescription and the reason why the prescribing provider choose to override the therapeutic duplication.

**NOTE:** Refer to Section 37.5.5 of this manual chapter to access drug specific forms, criteria, and instructions at: <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf>

**Somatropin**

Pharmacy claims for Somatropin (Genotropin®, Humatrope®, Norditropin®, Nutropin®, Nutropin AQ®, Omnitrope®, Saizen®, Serostim®, Tev-Tropin®, and Zorbtive®) require an appropriate diagnosis code for reimbursement. The numeric code must be documented on the

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hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic record keeping system. The diagnosis code may be communicated to the pharmacist electronically, via telephone, or facsimile.

There are no overrides for this edit. However, the pharmacist may contact the prescriber for a valid diagnosis code and resubmit the claim.

The following chart addresses acceptable diagnosis code(s) which are in accordance with the reimbursement criteria for somatropin.

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code(s)	Diagnoses
N25.0	Growth failure in children associated with: Renal insufficiency or chronic kidney disease
Q87.1	Noonan Syndrome
Q87.1	Prader-Willi Syndrome
Q96	Turner Syndrome
P05.1	Small for gestational age at birth (fetal growth retardation) who fail to manifest catch-up growth or with no catch-up growth
R62.52	Short Stature in children (idiopathic or SHOX deficiency) 1. Short stature 2. Lack of expected normal physiological development in childhood
E23.0	Pituitary dwarfism
E23.0	Panhypopituitarism
E23.1, E89.3	Iatrogenic pituitary disorders
K90.2, K91.2	(Zorbitive® only) Short Bowel Syndrome in patients receiving specialized nutritional support: 1. Blind Loop Syndrome 2. Other unspecified post-surgical nonabsorption
R64	(Serostim® only) HIV-associated cachexia or wasting



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Pharmacy claims for suvorexant (Belsomra®) are subject to a maximum daily dosage limit of 20 mg/day.

**Tafamidis (Vyndaqel®, Vyndamax®)**

Pharmacy claims for tafamidis (Vyndaqel®, Vyndamax®) have a quantity limit.

Generic Name	Brand Name	Quantity Limit
Tafamidis	Vyndaqel®	120 capsules/30 days
Tafamidis	Vyndamax®	30 capsules/30days

**Tasimelteon (Hetlioz®)**

Prescription claims for tasimelteon (Hetlioz®) will have the following clinical edits:

1. Clinical Authorization;
2. Maximum Daily Dose; and
3. Therapeutic Duplication.

**Clinical Authorization for tasimelteon (Hetlioz®)**

Pharmacy claims for tasimelteon (Hetlioz®) will be reimbursed at POS when the prescriber has obtained an approved clinical authorization.

Override provisions should be addressed through the Clinical Authorization process.

**NOTE:** Refer to Section 37.5.5 of this manual chapter to access drug specific forms, criteria, and instructions at: <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf>

**Maximum Dose for tasimelteon (Hetlioz®)**

Pharmacy claims for tasimelteon (Hetlioz®) have a maximum daily dose of 20mg/day. There are no override provisions through the POS system using NCPDP service codes.

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Pharmacy claims for tasimelteon (Hetlioz®) will deny at POS if there is an active claim for another sedative-hypnotic agent.

After consultation with the prescriber to verify the necessity of the therapeutic duplication, the pharmacist may override the therapeutic duplication.

The pharmacist must document the override codes on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system.

**Tazarotene (Tazorac®)**

Pharmacy claims for Tazarotene (Tazorac®) require an appropriate diagnosis code for reimbursement. The prescribing provider must document the diagnosis code on the hard copy prescription or may communicate the diagnosis code to the pharmacist electronically, via telephone, or facsimile.

The acceptable diagnosis codes are:

ICD-10-CM Code	Description
L40*	Psoriatic Arthritis

\* - any number or letter or combination of UP TO FOUR numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code

Pharmacy providers may direct questions to the Provider Help Desk concerning overrides for this edit. (Refer to Section 37.5.4 for contact information).

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[www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Pharmacy/LAPOS\\_User\\_Manual\\_static.pdf](http://www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Pharmacy/LAPOS_User_Manual_static.pdf) or by visiting Section 37.5.1 for detailed billing instructions and override procedures.

**Tedizolid Phosphate (Sivextro®)**

Prescriptions for tedizolid phosphate (Sivextro®) will be reimbursed when:

1. The prescriber has obtained an approved clinical pre-authorization.

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Pharmacy claims for tesamorelin (Egrifta®) require a diagnosis code. The diagnosis code must be documented on the prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system. The pharmacist can document the diagnosis code after electronic or verbal consultation with the prescribing practitioner.

**Tiotropium Bromide (Spiriva Respimat®)**

Pharmacy claims for tiotropium bromide (Spiriva Respimat®) will require a diagnosis code.

Medication	Description of Diagnosis	ICD-10 Code
Spiriva Respimat® 1.25 mcg (tiotropium bromide)	Asthma	J45*
Spiriva Respimat® 2.5 mcg (tiotropium bromide)	COPD	J44*

\*any number or letter or combination of UP TO FOUR numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10\_CM diagnosis code.

**Tobramycin/Nebulizer (Kitabis Pak®)**

Pharmacy claims for tobramycin (Kitabis Pak®) will require a diagnosis code for payment.

Generic Name	Brand Name	Diagnosis	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code
Tobramycin Nebulizer	Kitabis Pak® 4%	Cystic Fibrosis with Pseudomonas	E84*

\*Any number or letter or combination of UP TO FOUR numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10\_CM diagnosis code.

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**Tolvaptan (Samsca®)**

Pharmacy claims for tolvaptan (Samsca®) have quantity limits. The quantity limits for tolvaptan (Samsca®) are listed in the chart.

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Generic Name	Brand Name	Quantity Limit
Tolvaptan	Samsca® 15mg	30 tablets/30 days
	Samsca® 30 mg	60 tablets/30 days

**Tramadol**

Pharmacy claims for tramadol containing products have an age limit for reimbursement. The acceptable age limits are listed in the chart.

Description	Age (Y=Year)
Tramadol	≥17 Y
Tramadol Combination Product	≥17 Y

**Trifarotene (Akliel®)**

Pharmacy claims for trifarotene (Akliel®) will deny at POS when the beneficiary is younger than 9 years of age or older than 20 years of age.

**Triptans**

Pharmacy claims for triptans for beneficiaries under 18 years of age will require a valid diagnosis code for reimbursement. Triptans are identified in the following chart:

Generic Name	Representative Brand(s)
Almotriptan	Axert®6
Eletriptan	Relpax®
Frovatriptan	Frova®
Naratriptan	Amerge®
Rizatriptan	Maxalt®, Maxalt MLT®

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Generic Name	Representative Brand(s)
Sumatriptan	Alsuma®, Imitrex®, Sumavel®, Zecuity®
Zolmitriptan	Zomig®, Zomig ZMT®

The acceptable ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes for triptans in beneficiaries less than 18 years of age are as follows:

Drug-Brand Example	Diagnosis	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code
Almotriptan – Axert® Eletriptan – Relpax® Frovatriptan – Frova® Naratriptan – Amerge® Rizatriptan – Maxalt®, Maxalt MLT® Sumatriptan [Oral, Nasal] – Imitrex®, Onzetra Xsail®, Tosymra® Sumatriptan [Injection] – Zembrace SymTouch® Zolmitriptan – Zomig®, Zomig ZMT®	Migraine	G43.0*, G43.1*, G43.7*
Sumatriptan [Injection] – Imitrex®, Sumavel®	Migraine	G43.0*, G43.1*, G43.7*
	Cluster Headache, Acute	G44.009

**Vaccines (Adult)**

Louisiana Medicaid will reimburse enrolled **pharmacies** for select adult vaccines and the COVID-19 vaccine administered by a pharmacist with the “Authority to Administer” authorized by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy. For COVID-19 vaccines only, the administration of the vaccine may be given by a pharmacist, and/or qualified pharmacy technician and/or state-authorized pharmacy intern acting under the supervision of a qualified pharmacist during a Public Health Emergency (PHE). Vaccine reimbursement includes reimbursement for the

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ingredient cost and administration fee. Reimbursement for the COVID-19 vaccine is for the administration fee only.

**Pharmacist Requirements**

For adult vaccine reimbursement, the pharmacist shall:

1. Be registered with the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy with the “Authority to Administer” vaccines;
2. Be registered as a Louisiana Medicaid provider;
3. Inform the individual that the administration of an immunization or vaccine is not to be construed as being in lieu of an annual preventive visit with the individual's primary care or family physician;
4. Access the Louisiana Immunization Network for Kids (LINKS) prior to immunization administration, if possible, to verify appropriate utilization according to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) to prevent duplication, unnecessary doses, inappropriate age, etc.;
5. Report each immunization to the Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Public Health's LINKS at the time of the immunization or as soon as reasonably possible, thereafter;
6. Report all adverse events observed or which are reported to the pharmacist to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System, or its successor program; and further, the pharmacist shall refer the patient with an adverse event to appropriate medical care;
7. Report certain data elements to the CDC for each COVID-19 dose administered within 24 hours of administration, as a vaccination Provider;
8. Ensure that pharmacy technicians and/or state-authorized pharmacy interns administering COVID-19 vaccines meet PREP Act qualifications. The qualified pharmacy technicians and/or state-authorized pharmacy interns act under the supervision of a qualified pharmacist. The supervising qualified pharmacist of

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qualified pharmacy technicians and/or state-authorized interns must comply with CDC, state, and federal requirements for COVID-19 vaccine administration; and

9. Request the name of a patient's primary care provider prior to the administering of any immunization. The pharmacist shall notify the primary care provider, by written or electronic communication, as soon as reasonably possible that the immunization was administered.

All 340B pharmacies carved-in to Medicaid may bill vaccines and the administration fee for adults (19 years and older) at POS as a pharmacy benefit.

There will be no copay assessed on adult vaccine claims. Third party billing policy will apply and Medicaid will be the payer of last resort.

Pharmacy claims for vaccines will bypass POS edits for the four prescription monthly limit and pharmacy Lock-In.

The following chart lists select adult vaccines with age limits covered when administered by a pharmacist as a pharmacy claim:

<b>Adult Vaccines</b>	<b>Brand Name Examples</b>	<b>Age Limit</b>
Hepatitis A Adult	Vaqta®, Havrix®	≥ 19 years
Hepatitis A-Hepatitis B Adult	Twinrix®	≥ 19 years
Hepatitis B Adult	Heplisav-B®, Engerix-B®	≥ 19 years
HPV-Human Papillomavirus 9 Valent	Gardasil ® 9	19-45 years
Influenza Vaccine	Various Brands	≥ 19 years*
Measles, Mumps, & Rubella	M-M-R®II	≥ 19 years
Meningococcal Conjugate (Groups A, C, Y and W-135)	Menveo®, Menactra®	≥ 19 years
MENB – Meningococcal Group B	Trumenba®, Bexsero®	≥ 19 years
Pneumococcal- 13-valent	Prevnar 13™	≥ 19 years
Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (23 Valent)	Pneumovax®23	≥ 19 years
Tetanus and Diphtheria Toxoids	TDVAX®	≥ 19 years

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Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid and Acellular Pertussis	Adacel®, Boostrix®	≥ 19 years
Varicella	Varivax®	≥ 19 years
Zoster Vaccine Recombinant, Adjuvanted	Shingrix®	≥ 18 years

\*There are select age ranges for specific influenza vaccines based on the package insert.

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**COVID-19 Vaccine**

Currently, the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines administration are covered by the Louisiana Medicaid pharmacy program. This coverage also includes home administration of the COVID-19 vaccine. The FDA has authorized Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use in children ages 5-11. The COVID-19 vaccine will be covered for beneficiaries five (5) years of age and older for the Pfizer product and 18 years of age and older for the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) products. The age requirement may be updated in the future in accordance with current Emergency Use Authorizations (EAUs). The COVID-19 vaccines are covered for the administration of the initial series, 3<sup>rd</sup> dose, booster shot, and second dose booster. Additional COVID-19 vaccines will be covered as they receive EUA.

**COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements for 3<sup>rd</sup> Dose**

Pharmacy claims will be reimbursed for the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer and Moderna only) in immunocompromised beneficiaries. The 3<sup>rd</sup> dose must be the same manufacturer as the previously administered COVID-19 vaccine series.

Coverage for the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose includes:

1. Pfizer in beneficiaries 5 years and older given 28 days after the second dose; and
2. Moderna in beneficiaries 18 years and older given 28 days after the second dose.



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**COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements for Booster Shot**

Coverage for the booster shot is reimbursed for:

1. Pfizer in beneficiaries 12 years and older given 5 months after the initial series;
2. Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) in beneficiaries 18 years and older given 2 months after the initial series; and
3. Moderna in beneficiaries 18 years and older given 5 months after the initial series.

The booster shot can be of any approved COVID-19 vaccine manufacturer (Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson [Janssen]) allowing a “mix and match” of previously administered COVID-19 vaccines. Pfizer is the only booster allowed in beneficiaries 12-18 years old.

**COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements for the Second Dose Booster**

Coverage for the second dose booster is reimbursed for:

1. Pfizer for beneficiaries 12 years of age and older at least 4 months after first booster dose of any COVID vaccine (Includes FDA allowances for immunocompromised and 50 years of age and older; and
2. Moderna for beneficiaries 18 years of age and older at least 4 months after first booster dose of any COVID vaccine (Includes FDA allowances for immunocompromised and 50 years of age and older).

**COVID-19 Oral Agents**

Pharmacy claims for nirmatrelvir/ritonavir (Paxlovid®) and molnupiravir, oral antiviral agents used in the treatment of COVID-19 under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) are covered. The federal government covers the cost of oral COVID-19 antiviral agents. Therefore, Louisiana Medicaid will reimburse enrolled pharmacies for the professional dispensing fee only for oral COVID-19 antiviral agents.

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Nirmatrelvir/ritonavir (Paxlovid®) and molnupiravir are subject to the following quantity limits and age requirements.

Drug	Quantity Limit	Age Requirement
nirmatrelvir/ritonavir (Paxlovid®)	30 tablets/5 days	≥12 years
molnupiravir	40 tablets/5 days	≥18 years

**At Home COVID-19 Vaccine Administration**

Pharmacy claims may be reimbursed the additional payment for administering the COVID-19 vaccine in beneficiaries homes when either of these situations applies:

1. The patient has difficulty leaving the home to get the vaccine, which could mean any of these:
  - a. They have a condition, due to an illness or injury, that restricts their ability to leave home without a supportive device or help from a paid or unpaid caregiver;
  - b. They have a condition that makes them more susceptible to contracting a pandemic disease like COVID-19; or
  - c. They are generally unable to leave the home, and if they do leave home it requires a considerable and taxing effort.
2. The patient is hard-to-reach because they have a disability or face clinical, socioeconomic, or geographical barriers to getting a COVID-19 vaccine in settings other than their home. These patients face challenges that significantly reduce their ability to get vaccinated outside the home, such as challenges with transportation, communication, or caregiving.

Providers do not need to certify that the beneficiary is homebound, but the provider must document in the patient's electronic record their clinical status or the barriers they face to getting the vaccine outside the home.

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**Place of Service for COVID-19 Vaccine**

Many types of locations can qualify as a beneficiary's home for the additional in-home payment amount, including:

1. A private residence;
2. Temporary lodging (for example, a hotel or motel, campground, or homeless shelter);
3. An apartment in an apartment complex or a unit in an assisted living facility or group home;
4. A beneficiary's home that is made provider-based to a hospital during the COVID-19 public health emergency;
5. Communal spaces of a multi-unit living arrangement; or
6. Assisted living facilities participating in the CDC's Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program when their residents are vaccinated through this program.

These locations do not qualify as a home for the additional payment amount:

1. Hospitals, Medicare skilled nursing facilities (SNF), and Medicaid nursing facilities, regardless of whether they are the patient's permanent residence.

**COVID-19 FDA Authorized At Home Tests**

Pharmacy claims for OTC at home FDA authorized COVID-19 tests are covered. This will allow coverage of tests with prescriptions from prescribers and tests authorized by pharmacists and/or pharmacies. Federal regulations and applicable state laws require that third-party carrier(s) be billed first before Medicaid is billed.

**Vesicular Monoamine Transporter 2 (VMAT2) Inhibitors**

Prescriptions for Vesicular Monoamine Transporter 2 (VMAT2) Inhibitors: deutetrabenazine (Austedo®), tetrabenazine (Xenazine®), and valbenazine (Ingrezza®) will be reimbursed when:

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1. The prescriber has obtained an approved clinical authorization.

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**Voxekitir (Oxbryta®)**

Pharmacy claims for voxekitir (Oxbryta®) have a clinical authorization requirement and quantity limit.

Generic Name	Brand Name	Quantity Limit
Voxekitir	Oxbryta®	90 tablets/30 days

**Zoledronic Acid (Reclast®)**

Pharmacy claims for zoledronic acid (Reclast®) are subject to the quantity limit listed in the chart.

Generic Name	Brand Name	Quantity Limit
Zoledronic Acid	Reclast®	1 vial/365 days

**Diagnosis Code Requirement for Selected Medications**

Prescriptions for selected medications require a diagnosis code for reimbursement for both FFS Medicaid and the MCOs. The diagnosis code should be documented on the hardcopy prescription by the prescriber or pharmacist. The pharmacist may document the diagnosis code on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system after electronic or verbal consultation with the prescribing practitioner.

**NOTE:** Refer to the Diagnosis Code Policy Chart at:  
<https://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/PDL/7.30.2020/Louisiana.Medicaid.ICD-10.Chart.docx>

**Prospective Drug Utilization Policies/Limits/Edits**

Prospective drug utilization review (UniDUR) consists of criteria set forth by the state-established DUR board which monitors for inappropriate use of medications and identifies potential drug

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conflicts. UniDUR is designed to work alongside the POS claims processing and eligibility systems. Prospective Drug Utilization Review displays alert messages, based on severity level, to alert of any possible harmful effects that a medication may have on a patient. The alerts generated are caused by various combinations of interactions between a beneficiary's condition, beneficiary's historical drug prescription records on file and the current medications prescribed for them.

Professional judgment regarding appropriate drug use is the responsibility of the pharmacist. Improper use of DUR override codes by pharmacy staff may result in the disallowance of these override codes and administrative sanctions by Medicaid and the Board of Pharmacy.

UniDUR has predetermined standards to monitor:

1. Duration of therapy;
2. Early refill;
3. Duplicate drug therapy;
4. Pregnancy and FDA Category X drugs;
5. Therapeutic duplication;
6. Drug to drug interaction;
7. Unnecessary drug therapy;
8. Age and gender restrictions;
9. Maximum dosage;
10. Quantity Limits; and
11. Drugs to diagnosis.

**NOTE:** Refer to Section 37.5.12 for an overview of Patient Counseling, Drug Utilization Review (DUR).

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The program utilizes a duration of therapy module for H<sub>2</sub> antagonists, and sucralfate for beneficiaries who are 16 and older. Acute dosage guidelines for these drugs are monitored. H<sub>2</sub> antagonists have a duration of therapy limit of 180 days in a rolling 365 days. Sucralfate has a duration of therapy limit of 90 days per calendar year. Acute dosing of H<sub>2</sub> antagonists and sucralfate requires documentation of an appropriate diagnosis code. When authorized by the prescriber, claims beyond the duration of therapy limit can be processed through the POS system at the pharmacy. The chronic use of these agents at full therapeutic dosage is generally not indicated.

The acute dosage schedules of these drugs are as follows:

<b>H<sub>2</sub> Antagonists &amp; Sucralfate</b>		
<b>Generic Description</b>	<b>Acute mg/day dose</b>	<b>Duration of Therapy</b>
Ranitidine HCl	300	180 days
Cimetidine	1200	180 days
Nizatidine	300	180 days
Famotidine	40	180 days
Sucralfate	4000	90 days

Maintenance dose drug therapy will continue to be payable after the duration of therapy has been exceeded with prescriber authorization.

If, in the professional judgment of the prescriber, a determination is made to continue acute therapy beyond the appropriate duration of therapy, the prescriber must indicate in writing on the prescription or a signed and dated attachment, a diagnosis code necessitating the continuation of acute therapy. Beneficiary specific diagnosis information from the prescriber via facsimile is acceptable.

Only the prescriber who issues a prescription is authorized to sign off on a diagnosis override.

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For acute therapy to continue as a reimbursable service beyond the above listed therapy limits, duration of therapy, the pharmacy provider must supply the reason for service code, professional service code and result of service code.

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Select diagnosis codes which may justify the long-term usage of sucralfate are listed below.

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code(s)	Diagnosis
B96.81	<i>H. pylori</i>
C96.2	Malignant Mast Cell Tumors
D44.0, D44.2, D44.9	Multiple Endocrine Adenomas
E16.4	Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome
K20.9	Esophagitis, Unspecified
K21.0	Reflux Esophagitis
K20.8	Abscess of Esophagus
K22.1*	Ulcer of Esophagus with or without bleeding
K22.7*	Barrett's Esophagus
K25.*	Gastric Ulcer
K26.*	Duodenal Ulcer
K27.*	Peptic Ulcer
K29.*	Gastritis/Duodenitis

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ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code(s)	Diagnosis
K30	Gastric Hyperacidity
K21.9	Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)
K50.*	Crohn's Disease
K86.0, K86.1	Chronic Pancreatitis
K92.2	Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage

\* - any number or letter or combination of UP TO FOUR numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code

Select diagnosis codes which may justify the long-term usage of H<sub>2</sub> antagonists are listed below:

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code(s)	Diagnosis
C96.2*	Malignant Mast Cell Tumors
D44.0, D44.2, D44.9	Multiple Endocrine Adenomas
E16.4	Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome
K20.9	Esophagitis, Unspecified
K21.0	Reflux Esophagitis
K20.8	Abscess of Esophagus
K22.1*	Ulcer of Esophagus with or without bleeding
K22.7*	Barrett's Esophagus
K25.*	Gastric Ulcer
K26.*	Duodenal Ulcer
K27.*	Peptic Ulcer
K29.*	Gastritis/Duodenitis
K30	Gastric Hyperacidity
K21.9	Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)
K50.*	Crohn's Disease
K86.0, K86.1	Chronic Pancreatitis
K92.2	Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage

\* Any number or letter or combination of UP TO FOUR numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code



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Prescriptions for Proton Pump Inhibitors have a duration of therapy of 180 days in a rolling 365 days.

**Diagnosis Codes Exempt from the Duration of Therapy Limit for PPIs**

Select diagnosis codes are exempt and bypass the duration of therapy edit for PPIs. (See the following chart for the listing).

<b>Diagnosis</b>	<b>ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code(s)</b>
Abscess of Esophagus	K20.8
Angiodysplasia of Stomach and Duodenum (with OR without Mention of Hemorrhage)	K31.81*
Atrophic Gastritis with Hemorrhage	K29.41
Barrett's Esophagus	K22.7*
Cerebral Palsy ( <i>new Aug 2019</i> )	G80*
Chronic Pancreatitis	K86.0, K86.1
Congenital Tracheoesophageal Fistula	Q39.1, Q39.2
Cystic Fibrosis	E84.*
Eosinophilic Esophagitis	K20.0
Eosinophilic Gastritis	K52.81
Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage	K92.2
Gastrointestinal Mucositis (Ulcerative)	K92.81
Malignant Mast Cell Tumors	C96.2*
Multiple Endocrine Adenomas	D44.0, D44.2, D44.9
Tracheoesophageal Fistula	J86.0
Ulcer of Esophagus with OR without Bleeding	K22.1*
Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome	E16.4

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\* Any number or letter or combination of **UP TO FOUR** numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code

Claims for beneficiaries under six years of age are excluded from the PPI duration of therapy module. In addition, claims for beneficiaries receiving pancreatic enzymes are excluded from the PPI duration of therapy module as well.

**Early Refill**

The Medicaid Program denies pharmacy claims for early refills if the patient has requested the same medication at the same pharmacy prior to 85 percent of medication being utilized. This translates into a five day window based on a 30-day supply.

Prescriptions for narcotic analgesics will deny for an early refill edit when less than 90 percent of the medication had been utilized. This translates into a two day window based on a 30- day supply.

Pharmacists must enter the actual days' supply for each pharmacy claim. If the number of days is not apparent, an estimate must be given based on professional judgment.

In some cases, the pharmacist may have knowledge of dosage changes which would warrant a beneficiary's request for medication earlier than previously reported in the estimated days' supply. The pharmacist must document the circumstances on the prescription hard copy.

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**Duplicate Drug Therapy**

A claim denial will occur if the beneficiary attempts to obtain the same drug (form and strength) from a different pharmacy sooner than is anticipated based on the estimated days' supply.

After consultation with the physician, beneficiary and/or the POS help desk, the provider must determine whether there are extenuating circumstances which substantiate the dispensing of a duplicate claim.

The pharmacy provider shall record documentation of circumstances and specific contacts for the override.

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For those isolated instances when one pharmacy has billed a claim, and special circumstances prevented the beneficiary from receiving the prescription from the pharmacy originally billing the claim an override is allowed. An override should only be used if the second pharmacy attempting to bill a claim for the same ingredient for the same beneficiary and cannot have the first claim reversed by the original billing pharmacy. A notation to that effect must be written on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic record keeping system. Pharmacy claims submitted with an override code are subject to the pharmacy audit process.

When both duplicate drug therapy and early refill clinical events occur, reimbursement will not be made. These situations indicate multiple pharmacy shopping patterns.

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**Pregnancy and FDA Category X Drugs**

The Medicaid Program denies pharmacy claims with FDA Pregnancy Category for pregnant women. Pharmacy claims submitted for a drug in this category for beneficiaries with a co-payment designation of pregnancy will be denied.

The specific drugs that are currently included in FDA Pregnancy Category X are listed below. The Medicaid Program may add drugs to these lists as new drugs appear on the market or as FDA indications change.

There is no override option for these claims.

**Pregnancy and FDA Category D Drugs**

Pharmacy claims submitted with FDA Pregnancy Category D drugs will receive an educational edit in the response from the Medicaid Program. These claims will not deny.

**Prior Drug Use**

Pharmacy claims for select drugs will require prior use of other drug(s) before reimbursement.

Olmesartan/amlodipine/hydrochlorothiazide (Tribenzor®) and amlodipine/valsartan/hydrochlorothiazide (Exforge HCT®) will require prior drug use of two

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drug therapies from these select drug classes: calcium channel blockers, angiotensin receptor blockers, and/or diuretics. If previous claims for drugs in two of these three drug classes (calcium channel blockers, angiotensin receptor blockers, and/or diuretics) are not identified, the pharmacy claim will deny.

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**Therapeutic Duplication**

The Medicaid Program denies pharmacy claims for oral formulations of drugs in the following classes and specific drugs if the beneficiary has an active paid claim on file for another drug in the same therapeutic class. An active prescription is a prescription in which the days' supply has not expired.

If an override is determined appropriate after contacting the prescriber, additional documentation of the reason for service code, professional service code and result of service code is required on the hard copy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic record keeping system. Additional requirements may be associated with certain drug classes or specific drugs.

**First Generation Antihistamine**

Brompheniramine Maleate  
Carbinoxamine Maleate  
Clemastine Fumarate  
Cyproheptadine HCL

If a first generation antihistamine is given with another first and/or second generation antihistamine or antihistamine-decongestant product, the claim will deny due to a therapeutic duplication.

**Second Generation Antihistamine**

Cetirizine HCL  
Desloratadine  
Fexofenadine HCL  
Levocetirizine Dihydrochloride  
Loratadine

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If a second generation antihistamine is given with another first and/or second generation antihistamine or antihistamine-decongestant product, the claim will deny due to a therapeutic duplication.

**First Generation Antihistamine-Decongestant**

Pseudoephedrine HCL /Brompheniramine  
Pseudoephedrine HCL /Triprolidine HCL  
Phenylephrine/Diphenhydramine  
Pseudoephedrine HCL/Chlorpheniramine

If a first generation antihistamine-decongestant product, is given with another first and/or second generation antihistamine or antihistamine-decongestant product, the claim will deny due to a therapeutic duplication.

**Second Generation Antihistamine-Decongestant**

Cetirizine HCL/Pseudoephedrine  
Fexofenadine/Pseudoephedrine  
Loratadine/Pseudoephedrine  
Desloratadine/Pseudoephedrine

If a second generation antihistamine-decongestant product, is given with another first and/or second generation antihistamine or antihistamine-decongestant product, the claim will deny due to a therapeutic duplication.

Claims for diphenhydramine, hydroxyzine HCl, and hydroxyzine pamoate are not included in the antihistamine edits for therapeutic duplication.

**Angiotensin Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitors and ACE Inhibitor/Diuretic Combinations**

Benazepril HCl	Lisinopril/Hydrochlorothiazide
Benazepril HCl/Hydrochlorothiazide	Moexipril HCl
Captopril	Moexipril/Hydrochlorothiazide
Captopril/Hydrochlorothiazide	Perindopril Erbumine
Enalapril Maleate	Quinapril HCl
Enalapril/Hydrochlorothiazide	Quinapril/Hydrochlorothiazide

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Fosinopril Sodium  
Fosinopril/Hydrochlorothiazide  
Lisinopril

Fosinopril Sodium  
Ramipril  
Trandolapril

**ACE Inhibitors/Calcium Channel Blocker Combinations**

Benazepril/Amlodipine  
Trandolapril/Verapamil HCl

**Angiotensin Receptor Antagonists (ARB) and ARB/Diuretic Combinations**

Candesartan Cilexetil  
Candesartan/Hydrochlorothiazide  
Eprosartan Mesylate  
Eprosartan/Hydrochlorothiazide  
Irbesartan  
Irbesartan/Hydrochlorothiazide  
Losartan Potassium

Losartan/Hydrochlorothiazide  
Olmesartan Medoxomil  
Olmesartan/Hydrochlorothiazide  
Telmisartan  
Telmisartan/Hydrochlorothiazide  
Valsartan  
Valsartan/Hydrochlorothiazide

**ARB/Calcium Channel Blocker Combinations**

Olmesartan Medoxomil/Amlodipine  
Valsartan/Amlodipine

**Beta-Adrenergic Blocking Agents and Beta-Adrenergic Blocking Agent/Diuretic Combinations**

Acebutolol HCl  
Atenolol  
Atenolol/Chlorthalidone  
Betaxolol HCl  
Bisoprolol Fumarate  
Bisoprolol/Hydrochlorothiazide  
Carvedilol  
Carvedilol CR  
Labetalol HCl  
Metoprolol ER  
Metoprolol Tartrate  
Metoprolol/Hydrochlorothiazide

Nadolol  
Nadolol/Bendroflumethiazide  
Nebivolol HCl  
Penbutolol Sulfate  
Pindolol  
Propranolol HCl  
Propranolol/Hydrochlorothiazide  
Sotalol AF  
Sotalol HCl  
Timolol Maleate  
Timolol/Hydrochlorothiazide

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Amlodipine	Nifedipine
Diltiazem	Nimodipine
Felodipine	Nisoldipine
Isradipine	Verapamil
Nicardipine	

**Calcium Channel Blocker/Antihyperlipemia Agent Combination**

Amlodipine/Atorvastatin Calcium

**Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 (GLP-1) Receptor Agonist/ Dipeptidyl Peptidase-4 (DPP-4) Inhibitor**

A pharmacy claim for a Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 (GLP-1) receptor agonist will deny with a therapeutic duplication if there is an active claim on the beneficiary's file for a Dipeptidyl Peptidase-4 (DPP-4) inhibitor. A pharmacy claim for a DPP-4 inhibitor will deny with a therapeutic duplication if there is an active claim on the beneficiary's file for a GLP-1 receptor agonist.

**Potassium Replacement**

Potassium Acetate	Potassium Bicarbonate / Citric Acid
Potassium Chloride	Potassium Citrate

**Tricyclic Antidepressants**

Amitriptyline HCl	Imipramine Pamoate
Amoxapine	Maprotiline HCl
Clomipramine HCl	Nortriptyline HCl
Desipramine HCl	Protriptyline HCl
Doxepin HCl	Trimipramine Maleate
Imipramine HCl	

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**Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors**

Citalopram HBr  
Escitalopram Oxalate  
Fluoxetine HCl  
Fluvoxamine Maleate

Paroxetine HCl  
Paroxetine Mesylate  
Sertraline HCl

**Antipsychotic Agents (Typical and Atypical)**

Prescriptions for antipsychotic agents will deny for therapeutic duplication when the beneficiary has two active antipsychotic prescriptions on their file. The pharmacist must document on the hard copy prescription the reason the prescriber required the beneficiary to receive a third antipsychotic agent.

**Note:** Refer to “Drugs with Special Payment Criteria/Limitations” in this section for further policy regarding antipsychotic agents.

**Typical Antipsychotic Agents**

Chlorpromazine  
Fluphenazine  
Haloperidol  
Loxapine  
Molindone  
Perphenazine

Pimozide  
Thioridazine  
Thiothixene  
Trifluoperazine

**Atypical Antipsychotic Agents**

Aripiprazole  
Asenapine  
Brexpiprazole  
Cariprazine  
Clozapine  
Iloperidone

Lurasidone  
Olanzapine  
Paliperidone  
Quetiapine  
Risperidone  
Ziprasidone



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Pharmacy claims for olanzapine/fluoxetine will deny when there are two active prescriptions for antipsychotic agents on the beneficiary's file or when there is one active prescription for a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) on the beneficiary's history file.

Olanzapine/Fluoxetine

**Anti-Anxiety Agents**

Alprazolam

Buspirone

Chlordiazepoxide

Chlorazepate

Diazepam

Hydroxyzine

Lorazepam, Lorazepam XR

Meprobamate

Oxazepam

The pharmacist must document on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic record keeping system the reason an additional anti-anxiety agent was requested by the prescriber.

An additional anti-anxiety agent may be submitted without a therapeutic duplication when the beneficiary has a diagnosis of seizures. The diagnosis code must be documented on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic record keeping system, after written or verbal consultation with the prescriber and submitted electronically for the override.

Acceptable diagnosis codes are:

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code(s)	Description
P90	Convulsions in Newborn
G40.*	Epilepsy, Seizures
R56.*	Other Convulsions

**Sedative Hypnotic Agents**

Estazolam

Eszopiclone

Flurazepam HCl

Temazepam

Triazolam

Zaleplon

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Quazepam

Zolpidem Tartrate

**Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) Agents**

Armodafinil

Guanfacine

Atomoxetine

Lisdexamfetamine

Dexmethylphenidate

Methylphenidate

Dextroamphetamine

Modafinil

Dextroamphetamine/amphetamine

An incoming pharmacy claim for any of the above ADD agents will deny when there is an active paid claim for any of these agents on the beneficiary's file written by a different prescriber.

**Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents**

Celecoxib

Ibuprofen

Meloxicam

Diclofenac Potassium

Ibuprofen/Hydrocodone Bitartrate

Nabumetone

Diclofenac Sodium

Ibuprofen/Oxycodone

Naproxen

Diclofenac Sodium/Misoprostol

Indomethacin

Naproxen Sodium

Diflunisal

Ketoprofen

Naproxen/Lansoprazole

Etodolac

Ketorolac Tromethamine

Oxaprozin

Fenoprofen Calcium

Meclofenamate Sodium

Piroxicam

Flurbiprofen

Mefenamic Acid

Tolmetin Sodium

**Short-Acting Beta<sub>2</sub> Agonist Inhalers**

Albuterol

Pirbuterol

Levalbuterol

Pharmacy claims billed for concurrent use of different short-acting beta<sub>2</sub> agonist inhalers (SABAs) will deny with a therapeutic duplication.

**Note:** Refer to 'Drugs with Special Payment Criteria/Limitations' in this section for further policy regarding short-acting beta<sub>2</sub> agonist inhalers.

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Buprenorphine*	Hydrocodone/APAP
Buprenorphine/Naloxone*	Hydrocodone/Ibuprofen
Butorphanol Tartrate	Hydromorphone HCl IR
Codeine Phosphate	Levorphanol Tartrate
Codeine Phosphate/APAP	Meperidine HCl
Codeine/ASA	Methadone HCl
Codeine Sulfate	Morphine Sulfate IR
Codeine/APAP/Caffeine/Butalbital	Oxycodone HCl IR
Codeine/ASA/Caffeine/Butalbital	Oxycodone/APAP
Codeine/Carisoprodol/ASA	Oxycodone ASA
Dihydrocodeine/APAP/Caffeine	Oxycodone/Ibuprofen
Fentanyl Citrate Buccal	Oxymorphone
Pentazocine/APAP	Tramadol HCl
Pentazocine/Naloxone	Tramadol HCl/APAP

**NOTE:** Concurrent prescriptions for opioid analgesics with buprenorphine agents may only be overridden when issued by the same physician.

**Long-Acting Opiate Agents**

Fentanyl Transdermal	Oxycodone HCl CR
Morphine Sulfate CR	Oxymorphone ER

**Proton Pump Inhibitors**

Esomeprazole	Omeprazole/Sodium Bicarbonate
Lansoprazole	Pantoprazole
Omeprazole	Rabeprazole

**Sulfonylureas**

A pharmacy claim for a sulfonylurea will deny if there is an active claim on the beneficiary's file for another sulfonylurea.

The Department may add drugs to these lists as new drugs appear on the market.

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**Drug/Drug Interaction**

There may be some situations where adverse interactions could potentially occur between two drugs. In these instances the UniDUR system denies one or both of these claims.

Prescriptions for nitrates will deny when there is an active prescription for Sildenafil (Revatio®) or Tadalafil (Adcirca®) on the beneficiary's drug history file. Conversely, prescriptions for Sildenafil (Revatio®) and Tadalafil (Adcirca®) will deny when there is an active prescription for nitrates on the drug history file.

Upon consultation with the prescriber, the pharmacist may override this interaction. The pharmacist must document the reason the prescriber required the beneficiary to receive a nitrate and Sildenafil (Revatio®) or Tadalafil (Adcirca®). In addition, documentation of the reason for service code, professional service code and result of service code is required on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic record keeping system. These DUR codes are required for the claim submission.

**Unnecessary Drug Therapy****Selective Cox-2 Inhibitor**

Pharmacy claims for the selective COX-2 inhibitor, celecoxib (Celebrex®) will deny for "drug use not warranted" if they are not submitted with an appropriate diagnosis code and reason for treatment documented on the hard prescription.

The FDA issued a public health advisory which stated that use of a COX-2 selective agent may be associated with an increased risk of serious cardiovascular events, especially when it is used for long periods of time or in very high-risk settings (e.g. immediately after heart surgery).

The FDA made the following interim recommendations:

1. Practitioners prescribing Celecoxib (Celebrex®) should consider this emerging information when weighing the benefits against risks for individual patients.

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Patients who are at a high risk of gastrointestinal (GI) bleeding, have a history of intolerance to non-selective NSAIDs or are not doing well on non-selective NSAIDs may be appropriate candidates for COX-2 selective agents; and

2. Individual patient risk for cardiovascular events and other risks commonly associated with NSAIDs should be taken into account for each prescribing situation.

As a result of this public health advisory and to help ensure the safety and well-being of Medicaid beneficiaries, the prescribing practitioner must include:

1. The condition being treated with the COX-2 selective agent by indicating the diagnosis code of the treated condition on all new prescriptions written for a COX-2 selective agent; and
2. The reason a COX-2 selective agent is used rather than a non-selective NSAID (e.g. treatment failure or history of a GI bleed).

The diagnosis code and the rationale for the choice of a COX-2 selective agent must be documented on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic record keeping system after consultation with the prescriber. The diagnosis code and the rationale may be submitted as an attachment to the original prescription via facsimile.

A prescription written for a COX-2 selective agent for a Medicaid beneficiary will only process without an override when the following conditions are met:

1. A diagnosis code indicating the reason for treatment is documented and submitted; and
2. When one of the following conditions exists:
  - a. Beneficiary has current prescription for H2 receptor antagonist;
  - b. Beneficiary has current prescription for proton pump inhibitor;
  - c. Beneficiary has current prescription for warfarin;
  - d. Beneficiary has current prescriptions indicating chronic use of oral steroids;or

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- e. Beneficiary is 60 years of age or older.

If, in the professional judgment of the prescriber, a determination is made which necessitates therapy with a COX-2 selective agent, the pharmacist may override this edit. The pharmacy provider must supply the reason for service code, professional service code and result of service code with the POS submission of the claim and have the information recorded on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic record keeping system.

**NOTE:** Refer to Section 37.5.8 - Claim Submission and Processing Payments for override information as well as the *POS User Guide* accessed at: [www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Pharmacy/LAPOS\\_User\\_Manual\\_static.pdf](http://www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Pharmacy/LAPOS_User_Manual_static.pdf) or by visiting Section 37.5.1 for detailed billing information.

**Maximum Dosage****Atypical Antipsychotic Agents**

Pharmacy claims for doses of antipsychotic agents which exceed the maximum recommended doses will deny.

**NOTE:** Refer to Antipsychotic Agents of this section for the age limits and dosage schedules for antipsychotic agents.

The prescriber may choose to override an age or dosage limit for an antipsychotic medication. Overrides for antipsychotic medications can be addressed by the provider contacting the RxPA Unit. When the pharmacist cannot reach the prescriber or the RxPA Unit is closed, the pharmacist, using his/her professional judgment, may deem the filling of the antipsychotic prescription to be an "emergency." In these emergency cases, the pharmacist must indicate "Emergency Prescription" on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system and override the age or dosage limit.

**Agents Containing Acetaminophen or Aspirin**

**Due to the potential of hepatotoxicity, claims billed with a dosage of acetaminophen that exceeds four grams per day will deny.** Claims for products containing aspirin will deny payment when the maximum daily dosage billed exceeds four grams per day. Please note that patients may also be consuming over the counter products that contain either acetaminophen or aspirin.

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The maximum regimens apply to both brand name and generic products. As new products are added to the drug file, maximum daily dosages will apply.

**Overrides for the (high dose) denial are only acceptable when the prescriber is consulted and approval is given. A notation stating the reason and the codes used to override the claim should be noted on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic record keeping system.**

It is imperative that pharmacists use their professional judgment to determine an appropriate days' supply based upon the directions noted by the prescriber.

**Suspending Agents**

Pharmacy claims for the following select suspending agents are reimbursable:

Generic Name	Trade Name <sup>1</sup>
Compounding Vehicle Suspension No. 19	Mx-Sol Blend; Ora Blend
Compound Vehicle Suspension SF No. 20	Ora Plus
Compounding Vehicle No. 8	Ora Sweet
Compound Vehicle Sugar Free No. 9	Ora Sweet SF

**Sedative Hypnotic Agents**

Pharmacy claims which exceed the maximum daily dosage limit for selected sedative hypnotic agents will deny at POS.

The maximum daily doses for the selected sedative hypnotic agents are as follows:

Generic Name	Brand Name	Maximum Dose Per Day
Doxepin (sedative-hypnotic only)	Silenor®	6 mg/day

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Generic Name	Brand Name	Maximum Dose Per Day
Estazolam	Prosom®	2 mg/day
Eszopiclone	Lunesta®	3 mg/day
Flurazepam	Dalmane®	30 mg/day
Quazepam	Doral®	15 mg/day
Ramelteon	Rozerem®	8 mg/day
Temazepam	Restoril®	30 mg/day
Triazolam	Halcion®	0.5 mg/day
Zaleplon	Sonata®	20 mg/day
Zolpidem IR tablet	Ambien®	10 mg/day
Zolpidem SL tablet	Edluar®	10 mg/day
Zolpidem oral spray	Zolpimist®	10 mg (2sprays)/day
Zolpidem ER tablet	Ambien CR®	12.5 mg/day
Zolpidem SL tablet	Intermezzo®	1.75mg/day (female)
Zolpidem SL tablet	Intermezzo®	3.5 mg/day (male)

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Pharmacy claims for select sedative hypnotics will be subject to the following quantity limits:

Medication	Naïve 7-day supply per rolling 30 days <sup>1</sup>	Chronic Use 15-day supply per 30 rolling days <sup>2</sup>
Doxepin Tablet (Silenor®)	7 tablets	15 tablets



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Flurazepam Capsule	7 capsules	15 capsules
Estazolam Tablet	7 tablets	15 tablets
Eszopiclone Tablet (Lunesta <sup>®</sup> )	7 tablets	15 tablets
Lemborexant (Dayvigo <sup>™</sup> )	7 tablets	15 tablets
Ramelteon Tablet (Rozerem <sup>®</sup> )	7 tablets	15 tablets
Suvorexant Tablet (Belsomra <sup>®</sup> )	7 tablets	15 tablets
Triazolam Tablet (Halcion <sup>®</sup> )	7 tablets	15 tablets
Temazepam Capsule (Restoril <sup>®</sup> )	7 capsules	15 capsules
Zaleplon Capsule (Sonata <sup>®</sup> )	7 capsules	15 capsules
Zolpidem Tartrate (Ambien <sup>®</sup> ; Ambien CR <sup>®</sup> )	7 tablets	15 tablets
Zolpidem Tartrate Sublingual (Edluar <sup>®</sup> ; Intermezzo <sup>®</sup> )	7 tablets	15 tablets

<sup>1</sup> Oral sedative hypnotics for a naïve beneficiary have a 7 day supply per rolling 30 days.

Naïve is defined as having no paid claims for a sedative hypnotic in the previous 60 days.

<sup>2</sup> Oral sedative hypnotics for chronic use have a 15 day supply per rolling 30 days.

Chronic use is defined as having a paid claim for a sedative hypnotic in the previous 60 days.

**Additional information for oral sedative hypnotics:**

1. Pharmacy claims for all sedative/hypnotic agents (except lemborexant, tasimelteon and zolpidem tartrate oral spray) are limited to:
  - a. A quantity of 7 per rolling 30 days for beneficiaries who have no sedative/hypnotic pharmacy claims in the previous 60-day period; and
  - b. A quantity of 15 per rolling 30 days for beneficiaries who have any sedative/hypnotic pharmacy claim in the previous 60-day period.

**Exclusions for quantity limit edits for oral sedative hypnotics:**

1. Pharmacy claims submitted with an ICD-10-CM diagnosis code of palliative care (Z51.5) in NCPDP field 424-DO will bypass the quantity limit; and

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2. Pharmacy claims submitted for tasimelteon capsule (Hetlioz<sup>®</sup>) and zolpidem tartrate oral spray (ZolpiMist<sup>®</sup>) are excluded.

**NOTE:** Refer to Section 37.5.5 of this manual chapter to access the Single Preferred Drug List (PDL), which is inclusive of the preferred/non-preferred drug list, clinical authorization list, drug specific forms, criteria, and Point of Sale edits (i.e. maximum daily dose and quantity limits) at: <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf>

**Tapentadol (Nucynta<sup>®</sup>)**

When the cumulative daily dosage for Tapentadol (Nucynta<sup>®</sup>) exceeds the maximum daily dosage of 700mg per day, the claim will deny.

If the prescribing practitioner chooses to exceed the maximum daily dosage, the prescribing practitioner must provide the reason why the daily dosage limit needs to be exceeded. The pharmacist may override the dosage limit after consultation with the prescriber. The pharmacist must document on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic record keeping system the prescriber's reason why the daily dosage limit needs to be exceeded. The pharmacist must document on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system the reason for service code, professional service code and result of service code with the POS submission.

**Agents containing Tramadol**

Pharmacy claims for doses of agents containing Tramadol which exceed the maximum recommended doses will deny.

The maximum daily doses for agents containing Tramadol are as follows:

Generic Name	Maximum Dose per Day	Age
Tramadol Immediate Release	400mg/day	<76 years
Tramadol Immediate Release	300mg/day	>75 years
Tramadol Sustained Release	300mg/day	

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Tramadol/Acetaminophen	8 tablets/day	
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If the prescribing practitioner chooses to exceed the maximum daily dosage, the prescribing practitioner must provide the reason why the daily dosage limit needs to be exceeded. The \*\*\*pharmacist may override the dosage limit after consultation with the prescriber. The pharmacist must document on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic record keeping system the prescriber's reason why the daily dosage limit needs to be exceeded. The pharmacist must document on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic record keeping system the reason for service code, professional service code and result of service code with the POS submission.

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**Botulinum Toxins OnabotulinumtoxinA (Botox®), IncobotulinumtoxinA (Xeomin®), RimabotulinumtoxinB (Myobloc®)**

**Quantity Limit**

Pharmacy claims for onabotulinumtoxinA (Botox®) will have quantity limits of 6 units every rolling 84 days for the 100 unit vial and 3 units every rolling 84 days for the 200 unit vial. Pharmacy claims for incobotulinumtoxinA (Xeomin®) will have quantity limits of 400 units every rolling 84 days.

**Diagnosis Code Requirement**

Prescriptions for onabotulinumtoxinA (Botox®) and incobotulinumtoxinA (Xeomin®) require an appropriate diagnosis code documented on the hard copy prescription by either the prescriber or pharmacist. The diagnosis code may be communicated to the pharmacist electronically, via telephone, or facsimile. After consultation with the prescriber, the pharmacist must document the diagnosis code on the hard copy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system. The diagnosis code is required for the claim submission.

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ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code(s)	Description
L74.510	Axillary Hyperhidrosis
G24.5	Blepharospasm
G24.3	Cervical Dystonia
G43.7*	Chronic Migraine (Prophylaxis)
N32.81	Overactive Bladder
H49*, H50*, H51*	Strabismus
G35	Upper or Lower Limb Spasticity Associated with Multiple Sclerosis (Relapsing)
G80.0, G80.1, G80.2, G80.4, G80.8, G80.9	Upper or Lower Limb Spasticity Associated with Cerebral Palsy
G81.1*	Upper or Lower Limb Spasticity Associated with Spastic Hemiplegia
G82.53	Upper or Lower Limb Spasticity Associated with Complete Quadriplegia
G82.54	Upper or Lower Limb Spasticity Associated with Incomplete Quadriplegia
G83.0	Upper Limb Spasticity Associated with Diplegia of Upper Limb
G83.1*, G83.2*, G83.3*	Spasticity Associated with Monoplegia of Upper or Lower Limb
I69.●31, I69.●32, I69.●33, I69.●34, I69.●39, I69.●41, I69.●42, I69.●43, I69.●44, I69.●49	Spasticity Associated with Monoplegia of Upper or Lower Limb due to Late Effects Cerebrovascular Disease
S06.1*, S06.2*, S06.3*, S06.4*, S06.5*, S06.6*, S06.8*, S06.9*	Upper or Lower Limb Spasticity Associated with Intracranial Injury of Other and Unspecified Nature (Traumatic Brain Injury)
S14.0*, S14.1●5*, S14.1●6*, S14.1●7*	Upper or Lower Limb Spasticity Associated with Spinal Cord Injury without Evidence of Spinal Bone Injury
N36.44, N31.9	Urinary Incontinence (Detrusor Overactivity Associated with Neurological Disease)

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- \* - any number or letter or combination of UP TO FOUR numbers and letters of a valid ICD-10-CM diagnosis code  
 • - any ONE number or letter of a valid ICD-10-CM diagnosis code

**Acceptable Diagnosis Codes for IncobotulinumtoxinA (Xeomin®)**

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code(s)	Description
G24.5	Blepharospasm
G24.3	Cervical Dystonia
K11.7	Chronic Sialorrhea
G35	Upper Limb Spasticity (ULS) Associated with Multiple Sclerosis (Relapsing)
G80.0, G80.1, G80.2, G80.4, G80.8, G80.9	Upper Limb Spasticity (ULS) Associated with Cerebral Palsy
G81.1*	Upper Limb Spasticity (ULS) Associated with Spastic Hemiplegia
G82.53	Upper Limb Spasticity (ULS) Associated with C5-C7 Complete Quadriplegia
G82.54	Upper Limb Spasticity (ULS) Associated with C5-C7 Incomplete Quadriplegia
G83.0	Upper Limb Spasticity (ULS) Associated with Diplegia of Upper Limb
I69.□31, I69.□32, I69.□33, I69.□34, I69.□39	Upper Limb Spasticity (ULS) Associated with Monoplegia of Upper Limb due to Late Effects of Cerebrovascular Disease
I69.□51, I69.□52, I69.□53, I69.□54, I69.□59	Upper Limb Spasticity (ULS) Associated with Hemiplegia due to Late Effects of Cerebrovascular Disease
S06.1*, S06.2*, S06.3*, S06.4*, S06.5*, S06.6*, S06.8*, S06.9*	Upper Limb Spasticity (ULS) Associated with Intracranial Injury of Other and Unspecified Nature (Traumatic Brain Injury)
G83.2*	Upper Limb Spasticity (ULS) Associated with Monoplegia of Upper Limb
S14.0*, S14.1□5, S14.1□6, S14.1□7	Upper Limb Spasticity (ULS) Associated with Spinal Cord Injury without Evidence of Spinal Bone Injury (C5-C7)

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 • - any ONE number or letter of a valid ICD-10-CM diagnosis code

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ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code(s)	Description
K11.7	Chronic sialorrhea

**Hydrocodone Containing Agents**

Prescriptions for hydrocodone containing drugs will be limited to:

1. 45 units per 15 days for hydrocodone/acetaminophen;
2. 30 units per 15 days for hydrocodone bitartrate capsule ER 12 hour;
3. 15 units per 15 days for hydrocodone bitartrate tablet ER 24 hour; and
4. 30 units per 15 days for hydrocodone/ibuprofen within a 30-day period.

If a prescriber chooses to exceed the 15-day quantity limit for hydrocodone, he/she must submit a Rx PA16 to the RxPA Unit.

**NOTE:** All Schedule II prescriptions require a valid diagnosis code to process. Hydrocodone claims will not be subject to the 15-day quantity limit when one of the diagnosis codes below is submitted.

ICD-10 Diagnosis Code(s)	Diagnosis
C00.*-C96.*	Cancer
Z51.5	Palliative Care

\* - any number or letter or combination of UP TO FOUR numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code

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Pharmacy claims for lidocaine patches (Lidoderm®) have a quantity limit of 30 patches every rolling thirty days.

Select lidocaine patches (Lidoderm®) and lidocaine patch kits may require prior authorization or clinical authorization.

**Lofexidine (Lucemyra®)**

Pharmacy claims for lofexidine (Lucemyra®) are subject to the following:

1. Age limit;
2. Maximum Daily Dose;
3. Quantity Limit; and
4. Diagnosis Code Requirement.

Pharmacy claims for lofexidine (Lucemyra®) will deny for beneficiaries 17 years or younger.

<b>Generic – Brand Example</b>	<b>Diagnosis Description</b>	<b>ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code(s)</b>
Lofexidine – Lucemyra®	Opioid abuse with withdrawal	F11.13
	Opioid dependence with withdrawal	F11.23
	Opioid use, unspecified with withdrawal	F11.93

Lofexidine (Lucemyra®) pharmacy claims are subject to a maximum daily dose of 2.88 mg (16 tablets) per day.

Pharmacy claims for lofexidine (Lucemyra®) tablets are limited to a 14-day supply (224 tablets) per 6-month period (180 days).

Lofexidine (Lucemyra®) pharmacy claims have the following diagnosis code requirement.

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Naltrexone tablets are subject to the following:

1. Age limit;
2. Diagnosis code requirement;
3. Drug-Drug Interaction; and
4. Therapeutic Duplication.

Pharmacy claims for naltrexone tablets will deny for beneficiaries 17 years or younger.

Pharmacy claims for naltrexone tablets have the following diagnosis code requirement.

Generic Name	Diagnosis Description	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code(s)
Naltrexone Tablets	Opioid dependence	F11.2*
	Alcohol dependence	F10.2*
	* – any number or letter or combination of <b>UP TO FOUR</b> numbers and letters of an assigned ICD–10–CM diagnosis code	

Pharmacy claims for naltrexone tablets will deny at POS with a drug-drug interaction when there is an active claim on the beneficiary's file for an opioid or buprenorphine-containing product. Pharmacy claims for opioids or buprenorphine-containing products will deny with a drug-drug interaction when there is an active claim on the beneficiary's file for naltrexone tablet.

Incoming pharmacy claims for any naltrexone agent will deny for therapeutic duplication when the beneficiary has an active prescription on file for any other naltrexone agent.

**Naltrexone Injection (Vivitrol®)**

Pharmacy claims for naltrexone injection (Vivitrol®) are subject to the following for reimbursement:



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1. Diagnosis code requirement;
2. Age Limit;
3. Quantity Limit; and
4. Drug-Drug Interaction.

**Diagnosis Code Requirement**

The acceptable diagnosis code(s) for naltrexone injection (Vivitrol®) are listed below:

Medication	Diagnosis Description	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code
Naltrexone Injection (Vivitrol®)	Alcohol Dependence	F10.2*
	Opioid Dependence	F11.2*

\* any number or letter or combination of UP TO FOUR numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code

**Age Limit**

Pharmacy claims for naltrexone injection (Vivitrol®) have a minimum age requirement of 18 years old and older.

**Quantity Limit**

Pharmacy claims for naltrexone injection (Vivitrol®) have a quantity limit of 1 unit (380mg/vial dose kit) per 28 rolling days.

**Drug-Drug Interaction**

Pharmacy claims for naltrexone injection (Vivitrol®) prescriptions will deny if there is an active claim on the beneficiary's file for an opioid. Pharmacy claims for opioid prescriptions will deny if there is an active claim on the beneficiary's file for naltrexone injection (Vivitrol®).

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Opioid prescription drugs have the following clinical edits:

1. Diagnosis code requirement for all Schedule II narcotics;
2. 30-day quantity limit for long-acting opioids;
3. 7-day quantity limit for select opioids for opioid naïve beneficiaries;
4. Maximum of 90 Morphine Milligram Equivalent (MME) per day; and
5. Prior drug use required for long-acting opioids.

**Opioid 30-day Quantity Limit**

Pharmacy claims for opioids will be subject to a 30-day quantity limit as listed in the following chart.

Description	Dosage Form	LIMITS Units / 30 Days	Representative Brand
Hydromorphone HCl	Tablet ER 24 hr	30 units	Exalgo®
Morphine Sulfate	CPMP 24 hr	30 units	Avinza®
Morphine Sulfate	Capsule SR Pellet	30 units	Kadian®
Morphine Sulfate	Tablet LA	60 units	MS Contin®
Morphine Sulfate	Tablet ER	60 Units	Arymo ER®
Morphine Sulfate/Naltrexone	Capsule SR Pellet	60 units	Embeda®
Oxycodone HCl	Tablet SR 12 hr	60 units	Oxycontin®
Oxycodone/Acetaminophen	Tablet ER 12 hr	60 units	Xartemis XR®

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Description	Dosage Form	LIMITS Units / 30 Days	Representative Brand
Oxymorphone HCl	Tablet SR 12 hr	60 units	Opana ER®
Tapentadol	Tablet ER 12 hr	60 units	Nucynta ER®
Hydrocodone Bitartrate	Capsule ER 12hr	60 units	Zohydro ER®
Hydrocodone Bitartrate	Tablet ER 24 hr	30 units	Hysingla ER®
Oxycodone Myristate	Capsule ER 12hr	60 units	Xtampza ER®
Tramadol ER	Tablet ER 24 hr	30 units	Conzip ®

Fentanyl Transdermal Patch Quantity Limits- Units per 30 Rolling Day Period					
Description	Dosage Form	Route	Strength	Units/30 Rolling Days	Representative Brand
Fentanyl	Patch	Transdermal	12, 25, 37.5, and 50 mcg/hr	10 units	Duragesic®
Fentanyl	Patch	Transdermal	62.5, 75, 87.5, and 100 mcg/hr	20 units	Duragesic®

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**Short-Acting Opioid 7-Day Quantity Limit (Opioid Naïve Beneficiaries)**

Short-acting opioids will be limited to a 7-day supply for opioid-naïve beneficiaries. For this edit, opioid-naïve beneficiaries are defined as those who have not had an opioid claim paid within the last 90 days. The following chart lists short-acting opioids and corresponding quantity limits for opioid-naïve beneficiaries.

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Description	Dosage Form	Units/7 days	Representative Brand
Codeine/Acetaminophen	Tablet	28	Tylenol® with Codeine
Hydrocodone/Acetaminophen	Tablet	28	Lortab®, Vicodin®
Hydrocodone/Ibuprofen	Tablet	28	Vicoprofen®
Hydromorphone HCl	Tablet	28	Dilaudid®
Meperidine	Tablet	28	Demerol®
Morphine Sulfate	Tablet/Capsule	28	
Oxycodone		28	Roxicodone®
Oxycodone/Acetaminophen		28	Endocet®, Percocet®, Roxicet®
Oxycodone/Aspirin		28	
Oxycodone/Ibuprofen	Tablet	28	
Oxymorphone HCl	Tablet	28	Opana®
Tapentadol	Tablet	28	Nucynta®
Tramadol	Tablet	28	Ultram®
Tramadol/Acetaminophen	Tablet	28	Ultracet®

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**Morphine Milligram Equivalent (MME) Limit**

The Morphine Milligram Equivalent (MME) per day for all active opioid prescriptions for a beneficiary will be calculated. For each beneficiary, the cumulative daily MME for all active opioid prescriptions will be limited to a maximum of 90 MME per day.

Opioid pharmacy claims with a total daily Morphine Milligram Equivalent (MME)  $\geq$  50 MME per day will flag at Point of Sale (POS) as an educational alert for review by the pharmacist.

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Buprenorphine products for the treatment of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) will not be included in the MME limit.

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**Long-Acting Opioid Prior Use Requirement**

Pharmacy claims for an incoming prescription for a long-acting opioid will deny if there is not a paid claim for either a short-acting or long-acting opioid medication within the previous 90 days.

**Opioid Quantity and MME Limit Exemptions**

All Schedule II opioid prescriptions require a valid diagnosis code to process. There are exemptions to the edits for quantity limits and maximum daily MME limits for opioids. Pharmacy claims for opioid products will not be subject to the opioid quantity limits or 90 MME per day limit when the beneficiary has a diagnosis of burn, sickle cell crisis, cancer and/or palliative care. The exemptions to the opioid quantity and MME limit are listed in the chart.

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code	Description
T20.2*	Burn of second degree of head, face, and neck
T20.3*	Burn of third degree of head, face, and neck
T20.6*	Corrosion of second degree of head, face, and neck
T20.7*	Corrosion of third degree of head, face, and neck
T21.2*	Burn of second degree trunk
T21.3*	Burn of third degree trunk
T21.6*	Corrosion of second degree of trunk
T21.7*	Corrosion of third degree trunk
T22.2*	Burn of second degree of shoulder and upper limb, except wrist and hand
T22.3*	Burn of third degree of shoulder and upper limb, except wrist and hand
T22.6*	Corrosion of second degree of shoulder and upper limb, except wrist and hand

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ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code	Description
T22.7*	Corrosion of third degree of shoulder and upper limb, except wrist and hand
T23.2*	Burn of second degree of wrist and hand
T23.3*	Burn of third degree of wrist and hand
T23.6*	Corrosion of second degree of wrist and hand
T23.7*	Corrosion of third degree of wrist and hand
T24.2*	Burn of second degree of lower limb, except ankle and foot
T24.3*	Burn of third degree of lower limb, except ankle and foot
T24.6*	Corrosion of second degree of lower limb, except ankle and foot
T24.7*	Corrosion of third degree of lower limb, except ankle and foot
T25.2*	Burn of second degree of ankle and foot
T25.3*	Burn of third degree of ankle and foot
T25.6*	Corrosion of second degree of ankle and foot
T25.7*	Corrosion of third degree of ankle and foot
D57.0	Hb-SS disease with crisis
D57.00	Hb-SS disease with crisis, unspecified
D57.01	Hb-SS disease with acute chest syndrome
D57.02	Hb-SS disease with splenic sequestration
D57.21	Sickle-cell/Hb-C disease with crisis
D57.211	Sickle-cell/Hb-C disease with acute chest syndrome
D57.212	Sickle-cell/Hb-C disease with splenic sequestration
D57.219	Sickle-cell/Hb-C disease with splenic sequestration
D57.41	Sickle-cell thalassemia with crisis
D57.411	Sickle-cell thalassemia with acute chest syndrome
D57.412	Sickle-cell thalassemia with splenic sequestration
D57.419	Sickle-cell thalassemia with crisis, unspecified
D57.81	Other sickle-cell disorders with crisis
D57.811	Other sickle-cell disorders with acute chest syndrome

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ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code	Description
D57.812	Other sickle-cell disorders with splenic sequestration
D57.819	Other sickle-cell disorders with crisis, unspecified
C00.*-C96.*	Cancer
Z51.5	Palliative Care

\* - any number or letter or combination of UP TO FOUR numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code.

**Opioid (Oral) Liquids**

Prescriptions for opioid oral liquids will have a quantity limit of 180 mls or a 7-day supply, whichever is less.

**Serotonin Agents (Tryptans)**

Pharmacy claims for quantities of Serotonin agents (Tryptans) which are in excess of the quantity limit will deny. Quantity limits are cumulative and are based on a rolling 30 days. Unless otherwise specified, quantity limits apply to all strengths of an agent.

Quantity limits for Serotonin agents (Tryptans) are as follows:

Generic Name	Dosage Form	Quantity Limit per 30 Rolling Days
Almotriptan Maleate	Tablet	12 units
Eletriptan HBr	Tablet	6 units
Frovatriptan Succinate	Tablet	9 units
Naratriptan HCl	Tablet	9 units
Rizatriptan Benzoate	Tablet, Tablet rapid dissolve	12 units
Sumatriptan Succinate (Nasal)	Exhaler Powder	1 kit* (package size = 16)
Sumatriptan Succinate/ Naproxen Na	Tablet	9 units

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Generic Name	Dosage Form	Quantity Limit per 30 Rolling Days
Sumatriptan Succinate	Tablet	9 units
Zolmitriptan	Tablet, Tablet rapid dissolve	6 units

If the prescribing practitioner chooses to exceed the quantity limit, the prescribing practitioner must provide the reason why the quantity limit needs to be exceeded. The pharmacist may override the quantity limit after consulting with the prescriber. The pharmacist must document on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic record keeping system the prescriber's reason why the quantity limit needs to be exceeded. The pharmacist must document on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic record keeping system the reason for service code, professional service code and result of service code with the POS submission.

**Quantity Limitations**

Prescriptions payable under the Medicaid Program are limited as follows:

**Maximum Allowable Quantities**

The maximum quantity payable is either a one month's supply or 100 unit doses, whichever is greater.

**Maintenance Medication Quantities**

Prescribed maintenance drugs for chronic illnesses should be prescribed and dispensed in economic quantities sufficient to meet the medical needs of the beneficiary. If a Generic/Brand product and strength has been dispensed for at least 60 days, and the current pharmacy claim is for the same Generic/Brand product and strength and is **NOT** dispensed in a 30 day supply, then an educational alert will be sent since the agent is considered a maintenance medication. The dispensing fee will not be reimbursed.

Upon consultation with the prescriber to verify the necessity of the short fill (quantity less than 30 days' supply), the pharmacist may override the claim and be reimbursed the dispensing fee.

The quarterly FFS Maintenance Medication List can be found at the following link:

<https://ldh.la.gov/assets/docs/BayouHealth/Pharmacy/MaintenanceMedications.pdf>



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**Coverage and Limitations for Long-Term Care Beneficiaries****Quantities for Long-Term Care Beneficiaries**

Providers shall dispense a one month's supply, unless the prescribing provider specifies a smaller quantity for medical reasons, to beneficiaries in long-term care facilities. Dispensing a smaller quantity should only be done in exceptional cases.

Specific quantity limitations for maintenance medications and prn prescriptions are as follows:

1. "Maintenance" medications are those used to treat chronic conditions or illnesses. Initial therapy of a "maintenance" medication may be dispensed in a small quantity (e.g. a 10-day supply) to ensure patient tolerance before dispensing a one month's supply of medication. The prospective DUR compliance module will only allow a refill on the eighth day of a ten-day therapy period. If on the eighth day of therapy the patient has progressed with no adverse effects, a one-month's supply shall be dispensed unless otherwise specified by the prescriber; and
2. "PRN" prescriptions are those prescriptions that patients utilize on an "as needed" basis. For "prn" prescriptions, thirty units or a 10-day supply shall be supplied, unless otherwise specified by the prescriber.

The nursing home pharmacy consultant should periodically review if the "prn" order has become a "maintenance" one. In that event, refer to the "maintenance" drug policy. Otherwise, if every six months, a quantity of the "prn" medication remains unused by the resident, the health care team (nursing home administration, medical, nursing, or pharmacy consultant) should reevaluate the necessity of the order as well as the quantity of the prescribed medication. Should the prescriber authorize an additional "prn" medication, then the subsequent dispensed quantity shall be reduced to an amount equal to the utilization of the prior six-month period.

Pharmacies are providing twenty-four hours coverage to the long-term care facilities. Prescription reorders should not be made until a three-day supply remains.

**Co-Payment Exemption**

Long-term care beneficiaries are exempt from co-payments and monthly prescriptions limits.

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**NOTE:** Refer to Chapters 26: Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities and 34 – Nursing Facilities of the *Medicaid Services Manual* for detailed information regarding beneficiaries in LTC facilities.

**Over the Counter Drugs**

LTC facilities are responsible for providing all over the counter (OTC) drugs to Medicaid beneficiaries. OTC drugs are part of the per diem for LTC beneficiaries.

**Over the Counter Drugs for Preventive Care**

Select OTC agents for preventive care will be reimbursed when:

1. The prescribing practitioner issues the beneficiary a prescription for the preventive care OTC agent; and
2. The beneficiary meets the criteria to obtain the preventive care OTC agent.

OTC Drug	Medicaid Beneficiary	Preventive Care
Aspirin 81 mg	Women greater than 12 years of age Men greater than 44 years of age	Cardiovascular disease, colorectal cancer, and preeclampsia prevention
Folic Acid 0.4mg and 0.8mg	Women ages 12-54	Pregnancy planning
Vitamin D 400 IU	Women and men greater than 64 years of age	Fall prevention

**Age Restriction**

Pharmacy claims submitted for beneficiaries outside of the age limits listed above will deny at POS.

**Days' Supply**

Quantities of 100 units with 100 days' supply will be allowed to process for payment.

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**Copayment**

Pharmacy claims for the select preventive care OTC agents listed above will be exempt from copayment.

Coverage for aspirin 81 mg will be continued for beneficiaries greater than 79 years old; however, these pharmacy claims will be subject to copayment.

**Diabetic Supplies**

Medicaid will not reimburse pharmacies for claims for diabetic supplies when an individual resides in a long-term care facility.

**NOTE:** Refer to “Drugs with Special Payment Criteria/Limitations; Diabetic Testing Supplies” in this section for detailed information.

**Nebulizer Medications**

Medicaid will reimburse pharmacies for the nebulizer medications for those individuals who reside in a long-term care facility who do not have Medicare.

**Medicare Skilled Nursing Facilities**

When a resident of a skilled nursing facility is in Medicare payment status, payment for prescription medications is the responsibility of the facility, as prescription services are included in the per diem paid by Medicare.

**Emergency Kits**

All drugs dispensed from an emergency kit shall be billed to the Medicaid Program indicating the date of service that coincides with the date of administration.

**Outpatient Drugs Covered by Medicare Part B**

Medicare Part B covers oral anticancer drugs, antiemetics, diabetic supplies, glucometers, antihemophilia factor products, oral immunosuppressive drugs, nebulizer medication and some other medications. Providers must be enrolled as Medicare suppliers and must bill Medicare first

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if the beneficiary receives Medicare benefits. Medicaid will pay any applicable deductibles and coinsurances.

**NOTE:** Refer to Section 37.5.7 Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage for detailed information on drugs covered by Medicare Part B.

**Drug Services for Hospice Beneficiaries**

“Hospice” is a concept that extends a process of care to terminally ill patients.

Hospice is a program of palliative (control of pain and symptoms) and supportive services that provides physical, psychological, social and spiritual care for dying persons and their families. Hospice care concentrates on assuring the quality of the terminal patient’s remaining life rather than on trying to prolong the length of that life.

For Medicare/Medicaid patients who have elected hospice, services covered in the beneficiary’s plan of care should not be billed to Medicaid. These services are covered in the hospice reimbursement.

To ensure the correct billing of drug services, it is imperative that the hospice provider communicate with the pharmacist to verify which drugs are related to the terminal illness (billed to the hospice) and which drugs are not related to the terminal illness (billed to Medicaid). The hospice shall assume that the distinction in billing drugs is understood by enrolled pharmacists who render services to the Medicaid beneficiaries who have elected hospice.

**The pharmacy provider shall bill Louisiana Medicaid for out-patient pharmacy claims only for those drugs unrelated to the terminal illness.**

Recoupment of drug claims erroneously paid to a pharmacy provider through Medicaid for those Medicaid beneficiaries who have elected hospice will be performed as they are identified. Any provider of services to a hospice beneficiary needs to clear with the hospice provider that the billed service is not included in the beneficiary’s plan of care. Erroneous payment will be recouped as identified.

**NOTE:** Refer to Chapter 24 - Hospice of the *Medicaid Services Manual* for detailed information.

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**GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION**

The Pharmacy Program within the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), Bureau of Health Services Financing (BHSF) covers all Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved legend drugs that meet the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) '90 and OBRA '93 criteria with a few exceptions. The Pharmacy Program determines the reimbursement methodology for both the drug ingredient cost and the maximum allowable overhead cost (dispensing fee) for covered drugs.

The Pharmacy Program is responsible for the following components:

1. Policy;
2. Program development and implementation;
3. Network development;
4. Program coverage;
5. Preferred drug list development and implementation and prior authorization for certain therapeutic classes;
6. Federal upper limit (FUL) for multiple source drugs;
7. Claims management;
8. Annual provider recertification;
9. Clinical interventions;
10. Prospective and retrospective drug utilization review (DUR);
11. Federal and state supplemental pharmaceutical manufacturer rebates;
12. Pharmacy provider desk audits;
13. Beneficiary Lock-In program;

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14. Provider help desk;
15. Beneficiary help desk;
16. Provider relations; and
17. Provider education for prescribers and pharmacists.

The Pharmacy Program:

1. Initiates policy development;
2. Implements new policies and clarifies existing pharmacy policies, which include the services associated with outpatient drugs and Medicare/Medicaid pharmacy claims crossovers;
3. Approves all new drugs added to program coverage; and
4. Establishes any limitations on reimbursement or coverage in accordance with the federally approved reimbursement methodology.

The Pharmacy Program directs an extensive network of pharmacy providers and is also responsible for the integrity of several subsystems, including the drug file component of reference subsystem, the DUR subsystem and the drug portion of the Surveillance Utilization Review Subsystem (SURS).

**Medicaid Management Information System**

The Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) is a computerized claims processing and information system designed to manage the Medicaid Program's expenditures through effective claims processing and utilization control.

LDH contracts with a fiscal intermediary who operates the federally approved MMIS which is consistent with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and LDH requirements. The fiscal intermediary (FI) is contracted to provide the following pharmacy-related services:

1. Pharmacy claim processing through an on-line, real-time POS system;
2. Coordination of the federally mandated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of

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- 1990 Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board activities;
3. Retrospective Drug Utilization Review (LaDUR);
  4. Prospective Drug Utilization Review (UniDUR);
  5. Educational articles - *Provider Update* newsletter article;
  6. Lock-In Program;
  7. DUR Board coordination;
  8. Preferred Drug List and prior authorization system;
  9. Monthly prescription limit system; and
  10. Electronic Data Inquiry/Clinical Drug Inquiry System (e-CDI).