

DC Dept. of Healthcare Finance, Pharmacy Benefits Manager
Magellan Health

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Point of Sale (POS) Nuggets

--Newborn/Mother-baby Claims

Effective October 15 2022, Fee for Service (FFS) newborn claims will be covered when submitted with mother's cardholder ID and date of birth.

Claims should be submitted with prior authorization type code (PATC) = 8, person code = 03 for dependent. Limited to FFS covered drugs.

Previously, Newborn baby claims have been covered using the mother's cardholder ID and DOB. Enhancements and adjustments include the addition of the person code for "03" for claims tracking purposes.

--HIV/PEP/PrEP HAART Claims

HIV claims, including post-exposure (PEP) and Pre-exposure (PrEP) treatment for highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART) medication claims for all Medicaid beneficiaries including MCO members are paid and submitted through FFS Medicaid with the following processing info

BIN 018407

PCN: DCMC018407

Group ID: DCMEDICAID

Note that patient's 8-digit DC Medicaid ID number, majority of them starting with the number "7" must be used to submit the claims.

Exception: This policy does not apply to individuals enrolled in the DC Healthcare Alliance (Alliance) or the Immigrant Children's Program (ICP). Refer to [DHCF official Transmittal# 21-13](#) for more details on those patient populations.

--Hepatitis C PA requirements have been removed for preferred agents

As of September 2022, DHCF has removed prior authorization (PA) requirements for all Hepatitis C treatment agents designated as preferred, while

non-preferred agents will now use the [General Prior Authorization form](#). This removal of PA requirements is the same for our Managed Care Plan Medicaid beneficiaries.

The District Medicaid Clinical Call Center is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year.

Important Contact Info

Provider Help Desk: 1-800-273-4962

Clinical Prior Authorization Fax: 1-866-653-1431

Hearing Impaired: 711



From the Desk of Charlene Fairfax, R.Ph., CDE, DC DHCF

Dear D.C. Medicaid Provider,

Thank you for all you do to provide timely and vital healthcare services and medication therapy to our D.C. Medicaid patient population. I invite you to visit [DHCF's website](#) for more resources and information.

****Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday season****

Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee Updates: September 2022 meeting

On September 8, 2022, the DHCF Pharmacy and Therapeutics committee convened for the quarterly meeting and reviewed the following classes of drugs below.

- Alzheimer's agents
- Antibiotics, GI
- Anticonvulsants
- Antidepressants, Others
- Antidepressants, SSRIs
- Antifungals, Oral
- Antifungals, Topical
- Antiparkinson's Agents
- Antipsychotics
- Cytokine and CAM Antagonists
- Fluoroquinolones, Oral
- Immunosuppressives, Oral
- Macrolides & Ketolides
- Movement Disorders
- Multiple Sclerosis Agents
- Neuropathic Pain
- Sedative Hypnotics

The committee made the following recommendations to the Preferred Drug List that were approved and in effect as of September 29, 2022:

For anticonvulsants- **lacosamide soln & tabs & Banzel susp & tabs preferred**; For Antidepressants, SSRIs- **paroxetine susp non-preferred**; For antifungals, oral- **fluconazole susp preferred. Vfend susp & tabs non-preferred**; Antipsychotics- **Invega Hafyera preferred**; Cytokine and CAM Antagonists- **Xeljanz preferred**; For Macrolides/Ketolides- **Erythrocin preferred**. **Clarithromycin ER tabs & Erythromycin Base DR caps non-preferred**; Multiple Sclerosis Agents- **dalfampridine ER & dimethyl fumarate DR preferred**. **Tecfidera non-preferred**; Neuropathic Pain- **gabapentin tabs preferred**. **Neurontin tabs non-preferred**.

--Magellan PBM Updates

Magellan Health, the DHCF Pharmacy benefits manager (PBM) will be operating under Prime Therapeutics as per corporate acquisition by Centene Corporation in early 2022. Transitions are ongoing, and Magellan Health will continue to provide PBM services for DHCF.

The next DHCF P&T meeting is scheduled for Thursday December 1st, 2022, at 2:30pm. This is a virtual meeting, and an individualized link will be provided to those who register to attend. Note that some portions of the meeting are closed session and not available to the general public. To attend the public session, register here.

[Registration link Agenda and Notice](#)

Pharmacy Provider Forum: Save the Date!

All Current Pharmacy Providers for DC Fee for Service Medicaid are invited to the next virtual meeting sessions scheduled at the following times for your convenience:

- **Wednesday, December 14, 2022, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

- **Thursday, December 15, 2022, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**

You will hear pharmacy-related updates and have the opportunity to discuss issues directly with the DHCF Pharmacy leadership team. RSVP for more details today!

RSVP by DECEMBER 13, 2022, to AnWilliams1@magellanhealth.com