



Medicaid Fee-for-Service Providers Dispense Brand Name Drug when Less Expensive than Generic Program

Effective **3/22/2022**, the following changes will be made to the Dispense Brand Name Drug When Less Expensive Than the Generic Program:

- **Suboxone film** will be **REMOVED** from the program.

In conformance with State Education Law, which intends patients receive the lower cost drug alternative, brand name drugs included in this program:

- **Do not require ‘Dispense as Written’ (DAW) or ‘Brand Medically Necessary’ on the prescription.**
- Have a generic copayment.
- Are paid at the Brand Name Drug reimbursement rate or usual and customary price, whichever is lower (SMAC/FUL are not applied).
- Do not require a new prescription if the drug is removed from this program.

IMPORTANT BILLING INFORMATION

Pursuant to this program, prescription claims submitted to the Medicaid program **do not require** the submission of Dispense as Written/Product Selection Code of ‘1’; **Pharmacies should submit DAW code 9** (Substitution Allowed by Prescriber but Plan Requests Brand).

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

List of Brand Name Drugs included in this program* (updated 3/7/2022)

Advair Diskus	Concerta	Rapamune solution
Afinitor	Copaxone 20mg	Renagel
Alphagan P 0.15%	Depakote Sprinkle	Renvela tablet
Amitiza	Entocort EC	Retin-A cream
Androgel pump & packets	Exelon Patch	Symbicort
Apriso	Firvanq	Tecfidera
Azopt	Humalog U100 KwikPen	Tegretol suspension
Bethkis	Kitabis Pak	Xeloda
Catapres-TTS	Lialda	Zovirax cream
Cellcept suspension	Novolog 100u/ml FlexPen & Mix 70/30 FlexPen	
Ciprodex	Nuvaring	

*List is subject to change

Please keep in mind that drugs in this program may be subject to prior authorization requirements of other pharmacy programs, promoting the use of the most cost-effective product.