

# NYRx, the Medicaid Pharmacy Program



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# NYRx Program Overview

NYRx is comprised of several smaller programs designed to promote the use of the most cost-effective and clinically effective drugs.

**Note:** There are drugs covered by NYRx that are not included in any of these programs.

- Visit the NYRx web site at https://newyork.fhsc.com/.
- Place your cursor on the Programs tab.
- A complete view of the list of programs will appear in the drop-down menu.





# Preferred Drug Program (PDP)



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The Preferred Drug Program (PDP) promotes the use of less expensive, equally effective drugs in specific drug classes when medically appropriate. Drugs subject to the PDP are listed on the NYRx Preferred Drug List (PDL). All drugs currently covered by NYRx remain available under the PDP and the determination of preferred and non-preferred does not prohibit a prescriber from obtaining any of the medications covered by NYRx.

- Non-preferred drugs in these classes require prior authorization (PA) unless indicated otherwise.
- Some drugs and drug classes, regardless of preferred or non-preferred status, are subject to additional NYRx programs such as Drug Utilization Review (DUR), Dose Optimization (DO) or Brand Less than Generic (BLTG).
- Note that not all agents covered by NYRx are listed on the PDL. For a complete list of drugs covered by NYRx, visit the <u>Medicaid Pharmacy List of Reimbursable Drugs</u>.



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#### Preferred Drug Program

#### About

The Preferred Drug Program (PDP) promotes the use of less expensive, equally effective prescription drugs when medically appropriate. The Department of Health has contracted with Magellan Medicaid Administration, LLC. to assist with management of the PDP. All drugs currently covered by Medicaid remain available under the PDP and the determination of preferred and non-preferred drugs does not prohibit a prescriber from obtaining any of the medications covered under Medicaid.

The Drug Utilization Review Board (DURB) reviews drug classes and makes recommendations to the Commissioner of Health regarding the selection of preferred and non-preferred drugs within certain drug classes. They also recommend clinical criteria used to determine when it is appropriate to prior authorize a nonpreferred drug. These recommendations are based on public comment and testimony, review of objective clinical research, then review of drug cost information. The DURB also makes clinical recommendations to the State on which drug(s) should be considered for the Clinical Drug Review Program (CDRP) and what the criteria should be for obtaining a drug.

Additional responsibilities of the DURB include:

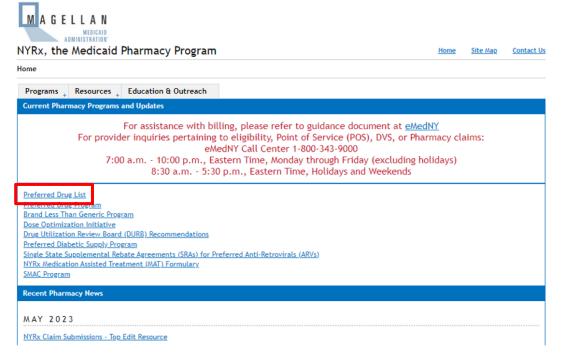
- The establishment and implementation of medical standards and criteria for the retrospective and prospective DUR program.
- The development, selection, application, and assessment of educational interventions for physicians, pharmacists and recipients that improve care.
- The collaboration with managed care organizations to address drug utilization concerns and to implement consistent management strategies across the NYRx and managed care pharmacy benefits.

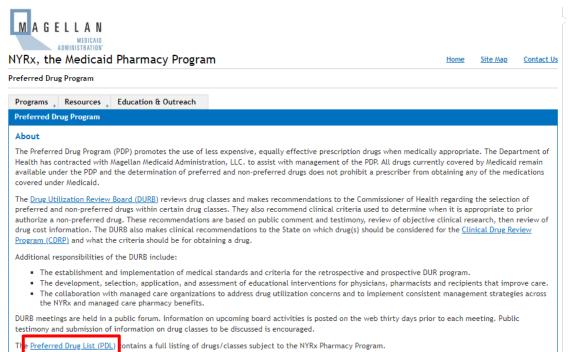
DURB meetings are held in a public forum. Information on upcoming board activities is posted on the web thirty days prior to each meeting. Public testimony and submission of information on drug classes to be discussed is encouraged.

The Preferred Drug List (PDL) contains a full listing of drugs/classes subject to the NYRx Pharmacy Program.



## Preferred Drug List (PDL)







## Preferred Drug List (PDL) Criteria Requirements

- The Preferred Drug List (PDL) is organized by therapeutic category and drug class. Within each drug class are preferred and non-preferred drugs.
- Drugs or drug classes may be subject to DUR clinical criteria such as age or diagnosis, frequency/quantity/duration, step therapy, or the dose optimization or BLTG program.
- These criteria requirements are listed in the "Prior Authorization/Coverage Parameters" column of the PDL.
- These requirements are indicated in the PDL with an abbreviated-red superscript.

**CC** = Clinical Criteria

F/Q/D = Frequency/Quantity/Duration

**DO** = Dose Optimization

**ST** = Step Therapy

**BLTG** = Brand-Less-than-Generic



# Preferred Drug List (PDL) Superscripts

If the criteria apply to all the drugs in the drug class, the criteria type will appear as a red superscript next to the drug class name.

Preferred Drugs	Non-Preferred Drugs		Pri	or Authorization/Cove	rage Parameters	
IV. Central Nervous System						
	Antimigraine	Agents, Othe	ST, F/Q/D			
Ajovy® Aimovig® Emgality® Emgality® 100mg syringe Nurtec™ ODT Qulipta™ Reyvow™ Ubrelvy™	•	treatmen Trial of ition of n Trial of	nt of migraine a product from the Antim	endia supported migr		
			1	Agent	F/Q/D	
		Aimovig			1 syringe/30 days	

If the criteria apply only to specific drugs within a drug class, the red superscript will appear next to the drug name.





## Clinical Criteria (cc)

- Diagnosis
- Age restrictions
- Review of concurrent medications, disease states, and possible contraindications

Hepatitis C Agents – Direct Acting Antivirals			
Mavyret™ <sup>CC, F/Q/D</sup> ribavirin sofosbuvir/velpatasvir (generic for <u>Epclusa®</u> ) <sup>CC, F/Q/D</sup> Vosevi® <sup>CC, F/Q/D</sup>	Epclusa® CC, F/Q/D  Harvoni® CC, F/Q/D  ledipasvir/sofosbuvir (generic for Harvoni®) CC, F/Q/D  Sovaldi® CC, F/Q/D  Viekira Pak® CC, F/Q/D  Zepatier® CC, F/Q/D	CLINICAL CRITERIA (CC)  Confirm diagnosis of FDA-approved or compendia-supported indication  For patients being retreated require confirmation of patient readiness and adherence  Evaluation by using scales or assessment tools readily to determine a patient's readiness to initiate HCV treatment, specifically drug and alcohol abuse potential. Assessment tools are available to healthcare practitioners at:	



## Frequency/Quantity/Duration (F/Q/D)

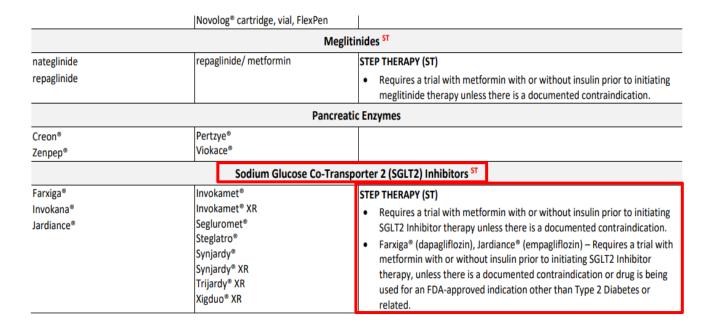
Frequency/Quantity/Duration (F/Q/D) criteria specify how often, how much, or how long a product may be used.

rizatriptan <sup>F/Q/D</sup>	almotriptan <sup>F/Q/D</sup>	FREQUENCY/QUANTITY/DURATION (F/	FREQUENCY/QUANTITY/DURATION (F/Q/D)	
umatriptan <sup>F/Q/D</sup>	eletriptan <sup>F/Q/D</sup> Frova <sup>® F/Q/D</sup>	Agent	F/Q/D	
	frovatriptan <sup>F/Q/D</sup>	Onzetra™ Xsail™ 11 mg	16 units / 30 days	
	Imitrex <sup>®</sup> F/Q/ <sup>©</sup> Maxalt <sup>®</sup> F/Q/ <sup>©</sup>	almotriptan eletriptan (Relpax <sup>®</sup> )		
	Maxalt <sup>®</sup> MLT <sup>F/Q/D</sup>	frovatriptan (Frova®)		
Onzetra™ Relpax®	naratriptan <sup>F/Q/D</sup> Onzetra™ Xsail™ <sup>F/Q/D</sup>	naratriptan rizatriptan (Maxalt <sup>®</sup> )	18 units / 30 days	
		rizatriptan (Maxalt <sup>®</sup> MLT)		
	sumatriptan-naproxen <sup>F/Q/D</sup> Tosymra™ <sup>F/Q/D</sup> Treximet <sup>® F/Q/D</sup>	sumatriptan nasal spray (Imitrex®) sumatriptan (Imitrex®)		



## Step Therapy (ST)

The step therapy parameters have been initiated to ensure clinically appropriate and cost-effective use of these drugs and drug classes.





### Dose Optimization (DO)

 Dose optimization can reduce prescription costs by reducing the number of pills a patient takes each day.

• The Department has identified drugs to be included in this program, the majority of which have FDA approval for once-a-day dosing, have multiple strengths available in correlating increments at similar costs, and are currently being prescribed above the recommended

dosing frequency.

Dose Optimization Chart			
Brand Name	Dose Optimization Limitations		
		CARDIOVAS	CULAR
	Angiotensin Receptor Blockers (ARBs)		
Benicar® 20 mg	1 daily	Tablet	
Micardis® 20 mg, 40 mg	1 daily	Tablet	G.
Diovan® 40 mg, 80 mg, 160 mg	1 daily	Tablet	
-07 Av		Antiarrhytl	hmics
Amiodarone 100 mg	1 daily	Tablet	In case of dose titration for these medications, the department will allow for multiday dosing (up to 2 doses daily) for loading dose for 30 days
		ARBs Combi	nations
Exforge® 5–160mg	1 daily	Tablet	
		ARBs/Diur	retics
Benicar® HCT 20–12.5 mg	1 daily	Tablet	W-111
Diovan® HCT 80-12.5 mg, 160-12.5 mg	1 daily	Tablet	
Edarbyclor® 40–12.5 mg	1 daily	Tablet	
Micardis* HCT 40–12.5 mg, 80–12.5 mg	1 daily	Tablet	



# **Drug Utilization Review Program (DUR)**



# Drug Utilization Review Program (DUR)

- The Drug Utilization Review Program (DUR) helps to ensure that prescriptions for outpatient drugs are appropriate, medically necessary, and not likely to result in adverse medical consequences.
- This program uses professional medical protocols, computer technology, and claims processing data to inform clinical requirements regarding the prescribing and dispensing of prescriptions.
- Criteria requirements may include:
  - Confirmation of diagnosis
  - Frequency/Quantity/Duration (F/Q/D) limits
  - Step Therapy parameters



# How Does the DUR Program Differ From PDP?

The **DUR** program applies coverage criteria to select drugs or drug classes covered by NYRx.

The **PDP** program identifies drugs in select drug classes as preferred or non-preferred. Non-preferred drugs require prior authorization unless otherwise indicated. Drugs or drug classes in the PDP may also be subject to the DUR program.



## **DUR Criteria**

Diagnosis requirements, Frequency/Quantity/Duration (F/Q/D), and Step Therapy parameters are implemented to ensure clinically appropriate and cost-effective use of these drugs and drug classes.

### **Lipid Lowering Agents**

Drug / Class Name	Step Therapy (ST) Parameters	Frequency / Quantity / Duration (F/Q/D) Parameters	Additional / Alternate Parameter(s)
<ul> <li>Lipid Lowering Agents:         <ul> <li>alirocumab (Praluent®)</li> <li>evolocumab (Repatha®)</li> <li>lomitapide (Juxtapid®)</li> <li>bempedoic acid (Nexletol™)</li> </ul> </li> <li>bempedoic acid/ezetimibe (Nexlizet™)</li> </ul>	Require trial of an HMG-CoA     Reductase Inhibitors (statin) at     maximum tolerated dosage		<ul> <li>Confirm diagnosis of FDA-approved or compendia-supported indication</li> <li>PCSK-9 Inhibitors (alirocumab         [Praluent®], evolocumab [Repatha®])         and ACL inhibitors (Bempedoic acid         [Nexletol], Bempedoic acid/ezetimibe [Nexlizet]):</li> <li>Require concurrent statin therapy</li> </ul>



# Brand Less Than Generic Program (BLTG)



## Brand Less Than Generic Program (BLTG)

A cost-containment initiative, promoting the use of certain multi-source brand name drugs when the cost of the brand name drug is less expensive than the generic equivalent. In conformance with State Education Law, which intends that patients receive the lower cost alternative, brand name drugs included in this program:

- Do not require "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.
- Pharmacies should submit claims with DAW Code 9 Substitution Allowed by Prescriber but Plan Requests Brand.



## Brand Less Than Generic Program (BLTG)

Please keep in mind that drugs in this program may be subject to prior authorization requirements of other pharmacy programs.

List of Brand Name Drugs Included Program*				
Advair Diskus®	EpiPen, Jr	Pylera®		
Alphagan P® 0.15%	Firvanq®	Rapamune® solution		
Amitiza®	Flovent® HFA	Renvela® tablets		
Apriso®	Glumetza®	Restasis®		
Azopt™	Hetlioz®	Retin-A® cream		
Bethkis®	Kazano®	Symbicort®		
CellCept® suspension	Kitabis® Pak	Tegretol® XR		
Ciprodex®	Lialda <sup>®</sup>	Tegretol® suspension		
Combigan®	Nesina®	Trileptal® suspension		
Concerta®	Nexavar <sup>®</sup>	Vascepa®		
Copaxone® 20 mg SQ	NuvaRing®	Ventolin® HFA		
Daytrana®	Oseni <sup>®</sup>	Viibryd®		
Depakote® Sprinkle	Pentasa <sup>®</sup>	Zegerid® Rx		
Dexilant®	Protonix® suspension			
EpiPen	Pradaxa <sup>®</sup>			

<sup>\*</sup> List is subject to change.



# Prior Authorization (PA) Submission to NYRx



### How Prescribers Obtain NYRx PAs

Prescribers may either switch members to a preferred product (on the PDL) or obtain a prior authorization for a non-preferred product.

If a PA is required under NYRx, prescribers should use the following options through Magellan:



- Request by phone: 877-309-9493.
- The clinical call center is operational 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.
- 99.9% of PAs are approved on the initial phone call.



- Request by fax: 800-268-2990.
- PA forms are available <u>here</u>.
- Fax requests are responded to within 24 hours.



# 72-Hour Emergency Supply Policy



# 72-Hour Emergency Supply

Emergency supply requirements are implemented if a pharmacist determines that an emergency condition exists.

Magellan Clinical Call Center 1-877-309-9493



# **NYRx Education & Outreach**



# Our Purpose

The NYRx Education & Outreach (E&O) team serves as a liaison between all stakeholders and NYRx to support care coordination. Clinical liaisons are trained to support and help solve complex pharmacy cases for:

- Managed Care Plans
- Case workers and NYS agencies
- Prescribers and pharmacies with questions regarding NYRx drug coverage, prior approval requirements, and NYRx enrolled pharmacies
- Complex care coordination for populations such as HIV/AIDS, Hemophilia, Foster Care Children, Serious Mental Illness, Substance Use Disorder, and Hepatitis C



### Office Hours

The E&O team hosts virtual office hours every week for pharmacy stakeholders to ask questions related to NYRx and care coordination.

Days	Audience
Monday and Wednesday 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM EST	Managed Care Plans
Tuesday and Thursday  12:00 PM — 1:00 PM EST	<ul> <li>Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers</li> <li>Office of Mental Health</li> <li>Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS)</li> <li>Office of Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG)</li> <li>New York Blood Center</li> <li>Foster Care</li> <li>AIDS Institute and Stakeholders</li> </ul>



### **Education & Outreach Tab**

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On April 1, 2023, the prescription drug benefit for all Medicaid members enrolled in a Mainstream Managed Care Plan, Health and Recovery Plan (HARP), and HIV-Special Needs Plan (HIV-SNP) was transitioned to NYRx, the Medicaid Pharmacy Program. In addition to the existing Medicaid member and provider helplines, starting Monday, April 3, there is a dedicated team, led by Magellan, to support care coordination.

The Education and Outreach team serves as a liaison between the Managed Care Plans and NYRx to support care coordination. Clinical liaisons are trained to support and help solve complex pharmacy cases for:

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- · Case workers and New York State agencies
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To contact the Education and Outreach team call (833) 967-7310. The call center is available Monday through Friday 8am until 5pm ET.



### **Contact Information**

### **E&O Call Center**

1-833-967-7310 Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM EST Excludes Holidays

### **E&O Mailbox**

NYRxEO@magellanhealth.com



# Resources



### Resources

- NYRx Education & Outreach
- Medicaid Pharmacy List of Reimbursable Drugs
- Preferred Drug List
- Brand Less Than Generic
- NYRx, the Medicaid Pharmacy Program
- Department of Health Welcome to NYRx, the Medicaid Pharmacy Program
- DOH Medicaid Update
- <u>eMedNY</u>



# Q&A

NYRx E&O wants to hear from you!

Please take a moment to take our survey,
the link will also be provided in chat.

Thank you!

**Webinar Survey** 

