



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 26, 2019
TO: All Louisiana Medicaid Prescribing Providers and Pharmacists
FROM: Jen Steele, Medicaid Director
SUBJECT: Hepatitis C Virus Direct Acting Antiviral (DAA) Agent Update

Effective July 15, 2019, the Louisiana Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) Pharmacy program and Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) will update policies applicable to pharmacy claims for Hepatitis C Virus Direct Acting Antiviral (DAA) agents dispensed to FFS recipients and MCO enrollees (Aetna, AmeriHealth Caritas, Healthy Blue, Louisiana Healthcare Connections, and United Healthcare).

Preferred Drug List (PDL) Update

The preferred Hepatitis C Virus DAA agent will be sofosbuvir/velpatasvir (authorized generic AG). Pharmacy claims for sofosbuvir/velpatasvir (AG) will process at Point of Sale (POS) without prior authorization (PA). Pharmacy claims for non-preferred Hepatitis C Virus DAA agents will require prior authorization. To request PA for a non-preferred agent, prescribers must complete the Hepatitis C Virus Medication Therapy Worksheet, Hepatitis C Virus Treatment Agreement Form, and Louisiana Uniform Prescription Drug Prior Authorization Form.

Refer to <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf> for the PDL on or after 7/15/2019, which is inclusive of the Hepatitis C Virus treatment policy and all forms.

340B Pharmacies

Pharmacy claims submitted by Medicaid 340B pharmacies for Hepatitis C Virus DAA agents will deny. All other 340B pharmacy claims will process as usual.

If you have questions about the content of this memo, you may contact the FFS pharmacy help desk by phone at (800) 437-9101.

If you have questions about pharmacy claims billing, you may contact the appropriate plan at their pharmacy help desk listed in the chart below.

Healthcare Provider	Pharmacy Help Desk	Pharmacy Help Desk Phone Number
Aetna	CVS Health	(855) 364-2977
AmeriHealth Caritas	PerformRx	(800) 684-5502
Fee for Service	DXC Technology	(800) 648-0790
Healthy Blue	CVS	(833) 236-6194
Louisiana Healthcare Connections	CVS Caremark	(800) 311-0543
United Healthcare	Optum Rx	(866) 328-3108

Please forward this notice to other providers to assist with notification. Your continued cooperation and support of the Louisiana Medicaid Program efforts to coordinate care and improve health are greatly appreciated.

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