

# PHARMACY FACTS

## Program Updates from Louisiana Medicaid

**December 18, 2020**

### **Vaccine**

Medicaid is working to make both the Pfizer and Moderna COVID vaccines payable; more information is forthcoming. The Pfizer vaccine was granted Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) on Friday, December 11, 2020. [Click here](#) to read about the vaccine and be prepared when the time comes to vaccinate recipients. Medicaid will reimburse the Medicare rates for administration (1<sup>st</sup> dose = \$15.92 and 2<sup>nd</sup> dose = \$26.68).

### **Louisiana Medicaid Annual Recertification**

Annual recertification forms are going out this month. Louisiana Medicaid will allow three months to complete the paper form or the editable PDF version that was sent by email. The deadline to submit the requested recertification documents is **March 31, 2021**. If you have additional questions or concerns, you may contact Roderick Anderson at [roderick.anderson@la.gov](mailto:roderick.anderson@la.gov) or call the Pharmacy Help Desk at (800) 648-0790.

### **Preferred Drug List (PDL) Updates** (<http://ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Pharmacy/PDL.pdf>)

The new PDL will go into effect on **January 1, 2021**.

There are **12** new therapeutic classes added to the PDL. Those classes include:

- Anthelmintics
- Anti-Allergens, Oral
- Anticonvulsants
- Botulinum Toxins
- Enzyme Replacements
- Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis
- Immune Globulins
- Immunomodulators, Asthma
- Methotrexate
- Movement Disorders
- Sickle Cell Anemia Treatments
- Thrombopoiesis Stimulating Proteins



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### New Diabetic Supply Quantity Link (PDL, page 1)

DIABETIC SUPPLY LIST LINKS BY PLAN	Prior Authorization Information Phone Numbers for MCOs and FFS
<a href="#">AETNA</a>	Aetna Better Health of Louisiana 1-855-242-0802
<a href="#">AMERIHEALTH CARITAS LA</a>	AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana 1-800-684-5502
<a href="#">HEALTHY BLUE</a>	Healthy Blue 1-844-521-6942
<a href="#">LOUISIANA HEALTHCARE CONNECTIONS</a>	Louisiana Healthcare Connections 1-888-929-3790
<a href="#">UNITEDHEALTHCARE</a>	UnitedHealthcare 1-800-310-6826
	Fee-for-Service (FFS) Louisiana Legacy Medicaid 1-866-730-4357
<a href="#">Click this Link to View Quantity Limits for Diabetic Test Strips and Lancets for FFS and All MCOs</a>	

### New Medically Necessary Criteria Link (First Page of PDL)

- For the request of clinical overrides for the use of medications outside of the established Point-of-Sale edits, such as diagnosis and quantity limits, please refer to the following criteria: [Medically Necessary](#)

Drugs highlighted in yellow indicate a new addition or a change in status.

Cetirizine Solution RX (1 mg/mL) (Generic)	<b>Cetirizine Capsule OTC (Generic)</b>
Cetirizine Tablet OTC (Generic)	Cetirizine Chewable Tablet OTC (Generic)
<b>Levocetirizine Tablet OTC (Generic)</b>	Cetirizine 5 mg/5 mL Solution OTC (Generic)
Levocetirizine Tablet (Generic)	Desloratadine Tablet (Generic; Clarinex®)

