



Department of Medicaid

Unified Preferred Drug List (UPDL)

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Subject: Unified preferred drug list

The Ohio Department of Medicaid, in partnership with the Medicaid managed care plans (MCPs), is moving toward creating a unified preferred drug list (PDL). The goals of this initiative include:

- Reducing administrative burden for providers by simplifying and streamlining the prescribing and prior authorization processes
- Allowing for a standard process across Ohio Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) and the MCPs to support population health initiatives
- Clinical coordination of care for Ohio's Medicaid population
- Minimizing member movement across MCPs

This change does not apply to members who receive *both* Medicaid and Medicare benefits (also called Medicaid MyCare).

Beginning January 1, 2020, all Ohio Medicaid MCPs will prefer the same medications and use the same prior authorization criteria for all drug categories. At this time, medications in the following categories currently prescribed to members will allow continued coverage without the need for additional prior authorization: HIV, Hepatitis C, Anticonvulsants, Antidepressants, Antipsychotics, Hemophilia, Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension, Alzheimer's, and Multiple Sclerosis.

Throughout the course of 2020, prescribers may need to transition certain patients from their current medication(s) or complete a prior authorization for the patient to stay on his/her current medication(s).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Providers may refer to the ODM Pharmacy website <https://pharmacy.medicaid.ohio.gov/> under "Drug Coverage" for more information or can contact MEDICAID_PHARMACY@medicaid.ohio.gov with questions or concerns.