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## Medicaid Pharmacy Carve-Out Special Edition – Part Two

**Important:**

The State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021-22 enacted budget delays the transition of the Medicaid Pharmacy benefit to the Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) Pharmacy Program by two years, until April 1, 2023.

**Effective May 1, 2021**, Medicaid members enrolled in mainstream Medicaid Managed Care (MC) Plans, Health and Recovery Plans (HARPs), and HIV-Special Needs Plans (SNPs) will receive their pharmacy benefits through the Medicaid Fee-For-Service (FFS) Pharmacy Program instead of through their Medicaid MC Plan. This guidance provides information in addition to what was provided in the *Medicaid Update Special Edition – Part One*, issued Friday, December 18, 2020, located at: [https://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/program/update/2020/docs/mu\\_no17\\_dec20\\_speced\\_pr.pdf](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/update/2020/docs/mu_no17_dec20_speced_pr.pdf).

### Information for Pharmacies

#### Determining a Member’s Identification (ID) Number and Checking Eligibility

**Effective May 1, 2021**, each Medicaid MC Plan will implement point-of-service claim denial messaging that directs pharmacies to bill the FFS program where applicable. The members Medicaid MC Plan ID card contains the Client Identification Number (CIN), which is unique to Medicaid members, and should be used to bill FFS. While in some cases, the CIN may be embedded in the member’s Medicaid MC Plan ID Number, it is always represented in this format: **AA11111A**. The CIN can be found on **both** the members Plan ID Card and FFS Client Benefit Identification Card (CBIC).

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The chart shown below illustrates where the CIN can be found on each plan ID card, located on the NYS Medicaid MC Pharmacy Benefit Information Center web site at: <https://mmcdruginformation.nysdoh.suny.edu/>. In a future update, NYS DOH will provide the claim denial messaging that will be used by Medicaid MC Plans, starting May 1, 2021.

**Medicaid MC Plan ID Card:**

Plan Name	Member's Plan ID#: Member Plan ID# is CIN, Embedded in Plan ID# or CIN Shown Separately on Plan Card
Affinity	CIN Shown Separately in Plan Card
AmidaCare	Member Plan ID# is CIN
CDPHP	Embedded in Member's Plan ID#
EmblemHealth	Embedded in Member's Plan ID#
Fidelis	CIN Shown Separately on Plan Card
Excellus	CIN Shown Separately on Plan Card
Healthfirst	Member Plan ID# is CIN
HealthNow	Member Plan ID# is CIN
HealthPlus	Member Plan ID# is CIN
Independent Health	Embedded in Member's Plan ID#
Metro Plus	Member Plan ID# is CIN
Molina	Member Plan ID# is CIN
MVP	CIN Shown Separately on Plan Card
United Healthcare	CIN Shown Separately on Plan Card
VNSNY Choice	Member Plan ID# is CIN

Pharmacists may also conduct an eligibility check and/or obtain the member's CIN, by using one of the methods in the chart below. When submitting FFS claims to Medicaid via the NCPDP D.0 format, the Bank Identification Number (BIN) and Processor Control Number (PCN) are required. Specific details can be found the *Medicaid Update Special Edition – Part One*, issued Friday, December 18, 2020, found at: [https://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/program/update/2020/docs/mu\\_no17\\_dec20\\_speced\\_pr.pdf](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/update/2020/docs/mu_no17_dec20_speced_pr.pdf). Medicaid member's may also contact the Medicaid Consumer Helpline by calling (800) 541-2831 to obtain their CIN.

## Methods to Check Eligibility or Obtain the CIN:

Method	Summary	Resources
E 1 Transaction	<p><b>Eligibility Verification</b></p> <p>Instructions to complete this transaction begin on page 10 of the resource document provided.</p>	<p>NYS DOH Electronic Pharmacy Claim Format (NCPDP) D.0 <i>Standard Companion Guide Transaction Information</i> document:  <a href="https://www.emedny.org/HIPAA/5010/transactions/NCPDP_D.0_Companion_Guide.pdf">https://www.emedny.org/HIPAA/5010/transactions/NCPDP_D.0_Companion_Guide.pdf</a></p>
ePACES	<p>Providers must have an ePACES account and the following information to:</p> <p><b>Obtain CIN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First and Last Name</li> <li>• DOB</li> <li>• SSN</li> <li>• Gender</li> </ul> <p><b>Eligibility Verification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First and Last Name</li> <li>• DOB</li> <li>• SSN or CIN</li> <li>• Gender</li> </ul>	<p>ePACES Login webpage:  <a href="https://www.emedny.org/epaces/">https://www.emedny.org/epaces/</a></p> <p><i>ePACES MEVS Eligibility Request</i> instructional document:  <a href="https://www.emedny.org/HIPAA/QuickRefDocs/ePACES-Eligibility_Request.pdf">https://www.emedny.org/HIPAA/QuickRefDocs/ePACES-Eligibility_Request.pdf</a></p>
Touchtone Telephone Verification System	<p><b>Eligibility Verification</b></p> <p>Providers must have the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CIN</li> <li>• Provider’s National Provider Identifier (NPI) OR MMIS Number</li> <li>• Ordering Provider NPI (if applicable)</li> </ul>	<p><i>NYS Program’s MEVS Instructions for Completing a Telephone Transaction</i> document:  <a href="https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/5010/MEVS%20Quick%20Reference%20Guides/5010_MEVS_Telephone_Quick_Reference_Guide.pdf">https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/5010/MEVS%20Quick%20Reference%20Guides/5010_MEVS_Telephone_Quick_Reference_Guide.pdf</a></p>

## Identifying Transition Fills

As previously noted in the December 2020 Special Edition issue of the *Medicaid Update* ([https://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/program/update/2020/docs/mu\\_no17\\_dec20\\_speced\\_pr.pdf](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/update/2020/docs/mu_no17_dec20_speced_pr.pdf)), a one-time “transition fill” will be allowed for non-preferred drugs and diabetic supplies. These transition fills can be identified as indicated below. Pharmacists may work with the patient and physician on future prior authorization (PA) requests or, where appropriate, medication changes to preferred options.

- The eMedNY claims processing system will be populating NCPDP field 548-6F, *Approved Message Code*, with code “**005**” — *Claim paid under the plan's transition benefit period, otherwise claim would have rejected as PA is required.*

## Billing for Vaccines

As indicated in the *Scope of Benefits* document, found at: [https://health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/redesign/mrt2/pharmacy\\_carve\\_out/docs/rx\\_carve\\_out\\_scope.pdf](https://health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/mrt2/pharmacy_carve_out/docs/rx_carve_out_scope.pdf), vaccines that are administered by pharmacists are subject to the carve-out and should be billed to FFS. Policy and billing instructions for the administration for COVID-19 vaccines can be found within the *NYS Medicaid Coverage Policy and Billing Guidance for the Administration of COVID-19 Vaccines Authorized for Emergency Use* guidance at: [https://health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/covid19/guidance/docs/billing\\_guidance.pdf](https://health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/covid19/guidance/docs/billing_guidance.pdf). Policy and billing guidance for other vaccines can be found within the *NYS Medicaid FFS Program Pharmacists as Immunizers Fact Sheet* document at: [https://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/program/docs/phar\\_immun\\_fact.pdf](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/docs/phar_immun_fact.pdf).

## Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) — Coverage and Billing Guidance

- The *Scope of Benefits* document, found at: [https://health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/redesign/mrt2/pharmacy\\_carve\\_out/docs/rx\\_carve\\_out\\_scope.pdf](https://health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/mrt2/pharmacy_carve_out/docs/rx_carve_out_scope.pdf), provides a summary of DMEPOS items that are subject to the carve-out. Items that are not subject to the carve-out will remain the responsibility of the MC Plans and are listed in *Appendix A* of this document.
- The items subject to the carve-out are listed in sections 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3 of the *DMEPOS – Procedure Codes and Coverage Guidelines* document, found at: [https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/DME/PDFS/DME\\_Procedure\\_Codes.pdf](https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/DME/PDFS/DME_Procedure_Codes.pdf), should be billed to FFS. Most items do not require additional authorization prior to dispensing and billing. These items may be dispensed and billed directly to Medicaid.
- The items in sections 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, and 4.7 of the *Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, Supplies – Procedure Codes and Coverage Guidelines* document, found at: [https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/DME/PDFS/DME\\_Procedure\\_Codes.pdf](https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/DME/PDFS/DME_Procedure_Codes.pdf), are not subject to the carve-out and should continue to be billed to the member’s MC plan.
- There are some DMEPOS items subject to the carve-out, that require pre-approval. To ensure a smooth transition for Medicaid MC member’s, PA requirements **will be temporarily relaxed (e.g. claims will not deny)**. NYS DOH staff will monitor these claims and outreach to providers to assist them in obtaining the appropriate authorizations for future claims. At a future date, providers will be given notice regarding when PA requirements will commence. For reference, PA instructions may be found within the Appendix A: PA Guidance for DMEPOS section of this issue’s *Medicaid Update*.

### Billing Instructions for DMEPOS

The table below provides billing instructions for DMEPOS items subject to the carve-out.

Claim Format	Instructions									
NCPDP and 000301 paper claim form	<p>When billing electronically for medical supplies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place procedure code in the National Drug Code (NDC) field with leading zeros. Enter the five-character code from the <i>NYS Medicaid Program Pharmacy Procedure Codes</i> document in the last five spaces of the NDC field, found at: <a href="https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/Pharmacy/PDFS/Pharmacy_Procedure_Codes.pdf">https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/Pharmacy/PDFS/Pharmacy_Procedure_Codes.pdf</a>.</li> <li>• NCPDP Field Names: Product/Service ID- 407-D7 and Product/Service ID Qualifier- 436-E1 (valid values 01=NDC,09= Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)).</li> <li>• Items must be billed to Medicaid FFS using the <b>HCPCS code</b> in the DMEPOS Procedure Codes and Coverage Guidelines - (alphanumeric form, example “A4259”) should be submitted in the 11-digit NDC field with leading zeros. If providers submit claim using an NDC number, the claim will deny with reject messages indicated below:</li> </ul> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="background-color: #4b4b8b; color: white;"></th> <th style="background-color: #4b4b8b; color: white;">Code</th> <th style="background-color: #4b4b8b; color: white;">Message</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="background-color: #4b4b8b; color: white;">NCPDP Response Code/Message</td> <td style="text-align: center;">“705”</td> <td>NDC/Antibody Drug Conjugate (ADC) Not Covered</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #4b4b8b; color: white;">NCPDP Reject Code</td> <td style="text-align: center;">“77”</td> <td>Discontinued NDC Number</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>When billing by paper, refer to the <i>NYS eMedNY Billing Guidelines</i> document, found at: <a href="https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/Pharmacy/PDFS/Pharmacy_Billing_Guidelines.pdf">https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/Pharmacy/PDFS/Pharmacy_Billing_Guidelines.pdf</a>.</p>		Code	Message	NCPDP Response Code/Message	“705”	NDC/Antibody Drug Conjugate (ADC) Not Covered	NCPDP Reject Code	“77”	Discontinued NDC Number
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NCPDP Reject Code	“77”	Discontinued NDC Number								
Professional/ Medical Claim Format 837 Professional 837-P) or	<p>When billing by electronic or paper, refer to the <i>NYS 150003 Billing Guidelines – DMEPOS, Orthopedic Footwear, Orthotic and Prosthetic Appliance</i> document, found at: <a href="https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/DME/PDFS/DME_Billing_Guidelines.pdf">https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/DME/PDFS/DME_Billing_Guidelines.pdf</a>.</p>									

paper 150003 form*	
Point of Service Claims (ePACES) - Real-time DMEPOS claims submissions	When submitting claims, refer to the <i>ePACES Professional Real Time Claim Reference Guide</i> , found at: <a href="https://www.emedny.org/selfhelp/ePACES/PDFS/5010_ePACES_Professional_Real_Time_Claim_Reference_Guide.pdf">https://www.emedny.org/selfhelp/ePACES/PDFS/5010_ePACES_Professional_Real_Time_Claim_Reference_Guide.pdf</a> .

\*Pharmacies that choose to bill via the professional or medical claim format need to have a Medicaid Category of Service (COS) of “0442”, assigned to them through the enrollment process.

**Brand Less than Generic (BLTG) Program**

The BLTG program is an initiative that promotes the use of certain multi-source brand name drugs when the cost of the brand name drug is less expensive than the generic equivalent. For a current listing of brand name drugs included in the BLTG program, refer to the most recent program update on the BLTG Program web page at: [https://newyork.fhsc.com/providers/bltgp\\_about.asp](https://newyork.fhsc.com/providers/bltgp_about.asp).

Pharmacies will receive the following denial message when submitting claims for generic drugs in the BLTG program. Denials for generics can be avoided by dispensing the brand name products. A new prescription is **not** required.

**Pharmacy Claim Denial Message:**

	Code	Message
NCPDP Response Code/Message	“421”	Dispense Brand Drug Instead of Generic Equivalent
NCPDP Reject Code/Message	“78”	Cost Exceeds Maximum

**Information for All Providers (Including Pharmacies)**

**Member Fact Sheet**

Please use the *Member Fact Sheet*, found within the *Appendix C: Member Fact Sheet* section of this issue’s *Medicaid Update*, to provide members with the resources and information they need regarding the carve-out. A print-friendly version of the *Member Fact Sheet* is available in multiple languages on the eMedNY Member Medicaid Pharmacy Benefit web page at: <https://member.emedny.org/>.

**Prescription Limits Change — Duration and Refills**

**Effective May 1, 2021**, prescriptions will be valid and may be filled for up to one year from the date issued. After the prescription expires, a new prescription will be required from the prescriber, even if refills remain on the original prescription. This is a change from the current FFS practice, where prescriptions are valid for only six months and must be filled within 60 days of the date issued.

**Updates to the Medicaid FFS Formulary (List of Reimbursable Drugs)**

NYS DOH recognizes the need for certain drugs requiring administration by a practitioner to be available through the Medical and Pharmacy Benefit. Such practitioner administered drugs are listed on eMedNY’s Medicaid Pharmacy List of Reimbursable Drugs web page, found at: <https://www.emedny.org/info/formfile.aspx>, and may be billed directly to the FFS program by a pharmacy. Practitioner administered drugs billed as a Medical claim should be billed to the member’s Medicaid MC Plan.



NYS DOH analyzed practitioner administered drugs that are provided as a pharmacy benefit through the Medicaid MC Plans. As a result of this analysis, NYS DOH will add certain practitioner administered drugs to the FFS formulary. These drugs can be found on the NYS DOH *List of Physician Administered Drugs Added to the Medicaid List of Reimbursable Drugs* document at: [https://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/redesign/mrt2/pharmacy\\_carve\\_out/docs/drugs\\_added\\_reimbursable.pdf](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/mrt2/pharmacy_carve_out/docs/drugs_added_reimbursable.pdf). Practitioner administered drugs dispensed as a Pharmacy Benefit must be delivered by the pharmacy directly to the site of administration. Requirements for delivery can be found on page 7 of the August 2019 issue ([https://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/program/update/2019/aug19\\_mu.pdf](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/update/2019/aug19_mu.pdf)) of the *Medicaid Update*. These requirements ensure proper storage and handling.

### Diabetic Supplies

The *Scope of Benefits* document, found at: [https://health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/redesign/mrt2/pharmacy\\_carve\\_out/docs/rx\\_carve\\_out\\_scope.pdf](https://health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/mrt2/pharmacy_carve_out/docs/rx_carve_out_scope.pdf), provides a summary of diabetic supply items that are subject to the carve-out. Diabetic Diagnostics and Daily Care- Glucose Testing Supplies, Disposable Insulin Pumps (Omnipod); Continuous Glucose Monitor (CGM); and Insulin Syringes, Needles, Pens, Infusion Supplies, will be transitioned to the FFS program. The FFS program covers all of these items, some of which are part of the Preferred Diabetic Supply Program (PDSP), found at: <https://newyork.fhsc.com/providers/diabeticsupplies.asp>. Items that are not listed on the preferred diabetic supply list are subject to PA.

NYS DOH will allow a one-time transition fill from May 1, 2021, through July 30, 2021, for non-preferred diabetic supplies that are part of the PDSP and will honor PAs already provided by the Medicaid MC Plans.

### Over the Counter (OTC) Drugs

There are some NDCs that may have been covered by the Medicaid MC Plans, that are not covered by FFS. However, there are equivalent/comparable NDCs available through FFS. OTC drugs covered by Medicaid FFS can be found on eMedNY's Medicaid Pharmacy List of Reimbursable Drugs web page at: <https://www.emedny.org/info/formfile.aspx>.

### Provider Enrollment Prescribers

After May 1, 2021, Medicaid FFS will continue to pay for covered products for Medicaid MC member's, even for prescribers that have not yet enrolled in the FFS program. However, prescribers **should enroll** by July 30, 2021, to ensure that they can continue to prescribe for Medicaid member's in the future.

*Physicians, Nurse Practitioners or Physician Assistants* may use the options below for enrolling as an Ordering Prescribing Referring Attending (OPRA) provider.

- Enroll quickly online throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) through the Provisional Temporary Provider Enrollment (PTPE) portal, found at: <https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/COVID19/>. Prescribers that choose this option will need to fully enroll as an OPRA provider, within 60 days after the end of the PHE: or,
- Fully enroll as an OPRA provider using the process described below. While this process takes longer than the PTPE process, no additional enrollment action will be required when the PHE ends.
  - Visit eMedNY's Provider Enrollment and Maintenance home page at: <https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/index.aspx>.
  - Select "Practitioner" from the Provider List Filter on the right-hand side of the page.
  - Select provider licensed profession (provider type).

## **Podiatrists, Dentists, Optometrists, Audiologists, Certified Nurse Midwives**

Podiatrists, Dentists, Optometrists, Audiologists, Certified Nurse Midwives may enroll using the process described below. When using this process, no additional enrollment action will be required when the PHE ends.

- Visit eMedNY's Provider Enrollment and Maintenance home page at: <https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/index.aspx>.
- Select "Practitioner" from the Provider List Filter on the right-hand side of the page.
- Select provider licensed profession (provider type).

Full enrollment as a Medicaid FFS billing provider is also an option, for those providers that wish to bill the FFS program for all covered services, in addition to prescribing. Information regarding how to enroll as a Medicaid FFS billing provider can be found on the eMedNY Provider and Maintenance Billing Medicaid web page at: <https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/physician/Option1.aspx>. When using this process, no additional enrollment action will be required when the PHE ends.

## **Pharmacies**

Pharmacies not currently enrolled in the FFS program, that wish to continue to service NYS Medicaid MC member's, will need to enroll. NYS DOH has updated the Pharmacy Enrollment Policy, found within the *Medicaid FFS Pharmacy Manual Policy Guidelines* document at: [https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/Pharmacy/PDFS/Pharmacy\\_Policy\\_Guidelines.pdf](https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/Pharmacy/PDFS/Pharmacy_Policy_Guidelines.pdf), which allows enrollment of community-based pharmacies located in New York or in the bordering states (Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Vermont). The policy also provides a pathway for enrollment for pharmacies servicing NYS Medicaid MC member's that are located outside of New York and outside of the bordering states.

During the PHE, pharmacies have the ability to enroll provisionally, where certain enrollment requirements will be waived. Pharmacies that enroll provisionally, will be required to fully enroll 60 days after the end of the PHE.

The following guidance is applicable for pharmacies who choose to submit enrollment applications via the COVID-19 PTPE portal:

- Pharmacies with the Category of Service (COS) "0441" (Freestanding Pharmacy) or "0442" (Freestanding Pharmacy-Based DME) may now submit enrollment applications through the COVID-19 PTPE portal, located at: <https://pe.emedny.org/>. Enrolling through this portal allows for a quicker turnaround time.
- Pharmacies must first create a provider portal account. For instructions on how to create a provider portal account, visit eMedNY's How to Create Your New eMedNY ID and Log into the COVID-19 PTPE web page, found at: <https://www.emedny.org/COVID19/emednyID.aspx>. Please note, providers will be required to validate their account with a Verification Code sent to the email used to sign up.

For questions regarding enrolling in the COVID-19 PTPE portal, please contact the eMedNY Call Center at (800) 343-9000 or visit eMedNY's Pharmacy Carve-Out web page at: <https://www.emedny.org/carve-out/>.

## **DMEPOS Providers**

The updated DMEPOS Provider Enrollment Policy can be found within the *NYS Medicaid Program Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Manual Policy Guidelines* document, found at: [https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/DME/PDFS/DME\\_Policy\\_Section.pdf](https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/DME/PDFS/DME_Policy_Section.pdf). DMEPOS providers that are located outside NYS may apply for enrollment if they meet the newly established guidelines. DMEPOS providers located in states bordering New York may enroll if they support NYS Medicaid member's in the common medical marketing area. Out-of-state DMEPOS manufacturers and mail order suppliers may also be considered on a case-by-case basis, as outlined in the *NYS Medicaid Program DME Manual Policy Guidelines* document.



Information about the DME Supplier application process can be found on the eMedNY Provider Enrollment and Maintenance DME web page at: <https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/dme/index.aspx>.

### Physician Dispensers

For the current FFS policy regarding physician dispensers, refer to the *Practitioner Dispensing* article found within the January 2021 issue of the *Medicaid Update*, located at: [https://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/program/update/2021/no01\\_2021-01.htm](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/update/2021/no01_2021-01.htm). Physicians who are already enrolled in Medicaid FFS as a *Physician - Individual Billing Medicaid* (Category of Service 0460) or *Practitioner Group* (Category of Service 0046 or 0090), may apply as a Physician Dispenser, by completing the *Request for Dispensing Physicians to Bill Pharmacy Claims* form, found at: [https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/ProviderMaintForms/408602\\_Request\\_for\\_Dispensing\\_Physicians\\_to\\_Bill\\_Pharmacy\\_Claims.pdf](https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/ProviderMaintForms/408602_Request_for_Dispensing_Physicians_to_Bill_Pharmacy_Claims.pdf).

### Appendix A: PA Guidance for DMEPOS

DMEPOS billing identifier found in the *NYS Medicaid Program DMEPOS Procedure Codes and Coverage Guidelines* document at: [https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/DME/PDFS/DME\\_Procedure\\_Codes.pdf](https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/DME/PDFS/DME_Procedure_Codes.pdf).

DMEPOS Billing	Resources
<p>HCPCS code is preceded by a pound sign (#).</p> <p>Prior Authorization</p> <p>Submitted through the Dispensing Validation System (DVS) through ePACES.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used to obtain automated authorizations for equipment and supplies.</li> <li>For general ePACES information visit the eMedNY Submit Electronic Transactions to New York Medicaid (Free of Charge) via ePACES web page at: <a href="https://www.emedny.org/selfhelp/ePACES/ePACES_GeneralInfo.aspx">https://www.emedny.org/selfhelp/ePACES/ePACES_GeneralInfo.aspx</a>.</li> <li>For ePACES DVS reference guidance, refer to the <i>Step-by-Step Instructions for ePACES PA/DVS - DME DV</i> document, found at: <a href="https://www.emedny.org/HIPAA/QuickRefDocs/ePACES_DME_DVS_Request_Response_Cheat_Sheet.pdf">https://www.emedny.org/HIPAA/QuickRefDocs/ePACES_DME_DVS_Request_Response_Cheat_Sheet.pdf</a>.</li> </ul>
<p>HCPCS Code is underlined.</p> <p>Prior Authorization</p> <p>Submitted on paper, by a Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) 278 transaction or electronically using ePACES.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NYS DOH staff review to determine medically necessity or quantity or frequency limits overrides.</li> <li>For DME PA guidelines, refer to the <i>NYS Medicaid Program DME PA Guidelines</i> document, found at: <a href="https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/DME/PDFS/DME_PA_Guidelines.pdf">https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/DME/PDFS/DME_PA_Guidelines.pdf</a>.</li> <li>For ePACES PA guidelines, refer to the <i>Step-by-Step Instructions for ePACES PA/DVS - DME DV</i> document, found at: <a href="https://www.emedny.org/HIPAA/QuickRefDocs/ePACES_DME_DVS_Request_Response_Cheat_Sheet.pdf">https://www.emedny.org/HIPAA/QuickRefDocs/ePACES_DME_DVS_Request_Response_Cheat_Sheet.pdf</a>.</li> <li>For ePACES PA/DVS guidance, refer to the <i>ePACES PA/DVS Request</i> document, found at: <a href="https://www.emedny.org/HIPAA/QuickRefDocs/ePACES-DVS_Request.pdf">https://www.emedny.org/HIPAA/QuickRefDocs/ePACES-DVS_Request.pdf</a>.</li> <li>Paper PA forms (<b>EMEDNY-361502</b> for paper submission) are available by contacting eMedNY at (800) 343-9000 or at the following address: <p style="text-align: center;">eMedNY PO Box 4600, Rensselaer, NY 12144-4600</p> </li> </ul> <p>For instructions on completing paper PA forms, refer to the <i>NYS Medicaid Program DME PA Guidelines</i> document, found at: <a href="https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/DME/PDFS/DME_PA_Guidelines.pdf">https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/DME/PDFS/DME_PA_Guidelines.pdf</a>.</p>
<p>HCPCS Code is preceded by an asterisk (*)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Enteral Formula only</b></li> <li>Contact: (866) 211-1736</li> </ul>

DiRAD Interactive Voice Response System (IVR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prescriber calls and enters medical information and gets an authorization number and records that on the fiscal order.</li> <li>• Dispensing provider (DME or Pharmacy) calls and completes the authorization process.</li> <li>• The NYS Medicaid Program’s Enteral Formula PA Prescriber Worksheet (<a href="https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/communications/Prescriber_Worksheet_Instructions.pdf">https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/communications/Prescriber_Worksheet_Instructions.pdf</a>) and Enteral Formula PA Dispenser Worksheet (<a href="https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/communications/Dispenser%20Worksheet.pdf">https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/communications/Dispenser%20Worksheet.pdf</a>) are available to assist in the authorization process.</li> <li>• PA required for all requests that cannot be completed through the IVR.</li> </ul>
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## Appendix B: Resources

Resources			
Topic	Description	Contact Information	Website Links
<b>Claims</b>			
Claims Processing for Outpatient Pharmacy Benefits	Questions regarding billing and pharmacy claims processing, lost or stolen medications and remittances.	eMedNY Support: (800) 343-9000, Option 1	General Information found on the eMedNY home page: <a href="https://www.emedny.org/">https://www.emedny.org/</a>  eMedNY Pharmacy Manual web page: <a href="https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/Pharmacy/index.aspx">https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/Pharmacy/index.aspx</a>  NYS DOH NCPDP D.0 <i>Standard Companion Guide Transaction Information</i> document: <a href="https://www.emedny.org/HIPAA/5010/transactions/NCPDP_D.0_Companion_Guide.pdf">https://www.emedny.org/HIPAA/5010/transactions/NCPDP_D.0_Companion_Guide.pdf</a>
Prior Authorization for Drugs	Questions regarding PA or Inquiries about quantity/age/day’s supply and other edits or medication questions.	Magellan Clinical Call Center: (877) 309-9493  PA Request Form for Prescriptions: <a href="https://newyork.fhsc.com/downloads/providers/NYRx_PDP_PA_Fax_Standardized.pdf">https://newyork.fhsc.com/downloads/providers/NYRx_PDP_PA_Fax_Standardized.pdf</a>	Magellan Health, Inc.’s NYS Medicaid Pharmacy Program web page: <a href="https://newyork.fhsc.com/">https://newyork.fhsc.com/</a>  Magellan Health, Inc.’s NYS Medicaid Pharmacy Program PDL Listserv email notification sign-up web page: <a href="https://newyork.fhsc.com/providers/notify.asp">https://newyork.fhsc.com/providers/notify.asp</a>
Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) (DME)	Questions regarding DME PA; pended claims; and hearing aids	(800) 342-3005  ohipmedpa@health.ny.gov	eMedNY DME Manual web page: <a href="https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/DME/">https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/DME/</a>

Procedures and Supplies			
<b>Carve-Out</b>			
Pharmacy Carve-Out Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)	FAQs	N/A	<i>Transition (Carve-Out) of the Pharmacy Benefit from MC to FFS –FAQs</i> document: <a href="https://health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/mrt2/pharmacy_carve_out/docs/pharm_carve_out_fa_q.pdf">https://health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/mrt2/pharmacy_carve_out/docs/pharm_carve_out_fa_q.pdf</a>
<b>Eligibility</b>			
Eligibility Verification and ePACES	Questions related to ePACES or for assistance with billing and performing MEVS transactions.	eMedNY Support: (800) 343-9000, Option 2  Touchtone Telephone Verification System: (800) 997-1111	ePACES Help/Log-in web page: <a href="https://www.emedny.org/epaces">https://www.emedny.org/epaces</a>  <i>NYS Programs MEVS Instructions for Completing a Telephone Transaction</i> document: <a href="https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/5010/MEVS%20Quick%20Reference%20Guides/5010_MEVS_Telephone_Quick_Reference_Guide.pdf">https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/5010/MEVS%20Quick%20Reference%20Guides/5010_MEVS_Telephone_Quick_Reference_Guide.pdf</a>
Member's Restricted Recipient Program	Providers may direct member's requesting a change of pharmacy or provider for restrictions to the OMIG for assistance.	Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG): (518) 474-6866	N/A
<b>Policy and Program Information</b>			
FFS Preferred Drug List (PDL)	The FFS PDL contains a full listing of drugs/classes subject to the NYS Medicaid FFS Pharmacy Programs.	Magellan Clinical Call Center: (877) 309-9493	Magellan Health, Inc.'s NYS Medicaid Pharmacy Program web page: <a href="https://newyork.fhsc.com/">https://newyork.fhsc.com/</a>
Medicaid List of Reimbursable Drugs (Formulary)	Providers may review the Medicaid Pharmacy List of Reimbursable Drugs for products covered.	Questions may be directed to PPNO@health.ny.gov.	eMedNY's Medicaid Pharmacy List of Reimbursable Drugs web page: <a href="https://www.emedny.org/info/formfile.aspx">https://www.emedny.org/info/formfile.aspx</a>
Medicaid Pharmacy Program, Policy and Coverage	For questions related to the Pharmacy Program, 340B Billing, Drug	Pharmacy Bureau: (518) 486-3209	NYS DOH Medicaid Pharmacy Program web page: <a href="http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/pharmacy.htm">http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/pharmacy.htm</a>

	Pricing, Lost or Stolen Medications, etc.	PPNO@health.ny.gov	
Provider Enrollment	Provider enrollment, revalidation and NPI termination questions.	eMedNY Support: (800) 343-9000, Option 2 providerenrollment@health.ny.gov	eMedNY's Provider Enrollment and Maintenance home page at: <a href="https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/index.aspx">https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/index.aspx</a>
Provider Manuals (Physician, Pharmacy, DME, etc.) and Billing Guidelines	The Provider Manuals tab has billing and policy related guidance. For example: billing guidelines, procedure codes, fee schedules, etc. for each provider type.	N/A	eMedNY's Provider Manuals web page: <a href="https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/index.aspx">https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/index.aspx</a>  eMedNY's General Billing Guidelines web page: <a href="https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/AllProviders/index.aspx">https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/AllProviders/index.aspx</a>
<b>Training</b>			
Provider Outreach and Training	Providers may visit the training website to review eMedNY trainings available.	N/A	eMedNY's Provider Training web page: <a href="https://www.emedny.org/training">https://www.emedny.org/training</a>

**Appendix C: Member Fact Sheet**  
**Member Fact Sheet**

Please use the *Member Fact Sheet* to provide members with the resources and information they need regarding the carve-out. A print-friendly version of the *Member Fact Sheet* is available in multiple languages on the eMedNY Member Medicaid Pharmacy Benefit web page at: <https://member.emedny.org/>.



## Changes to Your NYS Medicaid Pharmacy Benefits take effect May 1, 2021.



**Here is what you need to know:**

- The Medicaid Pharmacy Plan will be covering your prescriptions starting May 1.
- You will use your [Medicaid ID Card](#) or your [Health Plan Card](#) to fill your prescriptions starting May 1.
- Most pharmacies in NYS take the Medicaid Pharmacy Plan. [Check](#) to see if your pharmacy does before May 1.
- Most drugs and supplies, including diabetic test strips, are covered by the Medicaid Pharmacy Plan. [Check](#) to see if your drugs and supplies are covered, or if they require approval from your doctor, before May 1.

**This change is for those enrolled in a Medicaid Managed Care Plan.**

To find out if this change impacts you, check your mail for a letter from your health plan or call the **NYS Medicaid Helpline: (855) 648-1909**

or view a copy of the letter on the [NYS Medicaid Pharmacy](#) web page.

You can also scan the QR code below

**FAST FACTS**

**What is the Medicaid Pharmacy Plan?**

Through this plan, NYS Medicaid covers your drugs and supplies by reimbursing the pharmacy directly, rather than paying your health plan.

**What if my drugs and/or supplies require approval from my doctor?**

If your drugs and/or supplies require approval from your doctor, you should:

- Talk to your doctor about requesting approval; or
- Talk to your doctor about alternate drug and/or supplies that don't require approval.

**Will I need a new health plan ID card?**

No, you will not need a new ID card. The pharmacist can use your valid health plan or Medicaid ID card.

**What if my pharmacy does not take the Medicaid Pharmacy Plan?**

If your current pharmacy **does not** take the Medicaid Pharmacy Plan, you may:

- Ask your pharmacist to transfer a refill to a participating pharmacy.
- Ask your doctor to send your prescriptions to a participating pharmacy.

**Have questions or want to learn more?**

Scan the QR code to the right.

For help by phone, contact the **NYS Medicaid Helpline at: (855) 648-1909**

Helpline Hours: Mon-Fri 8AM - 6PM, Sat 9AM-1PM, Language assistance available.



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# Provider Directory

## Office of the Medicaid Inspector General:

For suspected fraud or abuse complaints/allegations, call 1-877-87FRAUD, (877) 873-7283, or visit Office of Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) web site at: [www.omig.ny.gov](http://www.omig.ny.gov).

## Provider Manuals/Companion Guides, Enrollment Information/Forms/Training Schedules:

Please visit the eMedNY website at: [www.emedny.org](http://www.emedny.org).

## Providers wishing to listen to the current week's check/EFT amounts:

Please call (866) 307-5549 (available Thursday PM for one week for the current week's amount).

## For questions about billing and performing MEVS transactions:

Please call the eMedNY Call Center at (800) 343-9000.

## Provider Training:

Please enroll online for a provider seminar at: <https://www.emedny.org/training/index.aspx>. For individual training requests, call (800) 343-9000.

## Beneficiary Eligibility:

Call the Touchtone Telephone Verification System at (800) 997-1111.

## Medicaid Prescriber Education Program:

For current information on best practices in pharmacotherapy, please visit the following web sites:

- DOH Prescriber Education Program page: [https://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/program/prescriber\\_education/presc-educationprog](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/prescriber_education/presc-educationprog).
- Prescriber Education Program in partnership with SUNY: <http://nypep.nysdoh.suny.edu/>.

## eMedNY

For a number of services, including: change of address, updating an enrollment file due to an ownership change, enrolling another NPI, or revalidating an existing enrollment, please visit eMedNY's Provider Enrollment page at: <https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/index.aspx>, and choose the appropriate link based on provider type.

## NY Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program

Contact the New York Medicaid EHR Call Center at (877) 646-5410 for assistance.

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