



Pharmacy Carve-Out: Transition & Communication Activities

The following chart provides additional context and information related to the New York State Department of Health's (NYS DOH) transition and communication activities of the Pharmacy Carve-Out from Managed Care (MC) to Fee-For-Service (FFS), effective April 1, 2021.

Who	What	When	Notes
Managed Care Plans	Submission of Prescriber Prevails Prior Authorization Activity to NYS DOH	7/23/2020	Includes Prior Authorizations through 6/30/2020.
NYS DOH	Final review of plan submitted formulary files & feedback	8/27/2020	
Managed Care Plans	Audit - Non-Covered Products	10/1/2020	Plans should complete review/audit of non-covered products (e.g. non rebate signers) and ensure they are not covered as of 10/1/2020, per the last data file provided by NYS DOH on 7/31/2020. The Department will continue to run data and provide updated files on a regular basis (minimum quarterly).
Managed Care Plans	Formulary file freeze	12/31/2020	No changes to be made for <i>on formulary/off-formulary status</i> . Other maintenance such as adding new drugs, criteria changes due to FDA labeling changes would continue.
NYS DOH	Formulary file freeze	12/31/2020	No changes to be made for <i>preferred/non-preferred status</i> . Other maintenance such as adding new drugs, criteria changes due to FDA labeling changes would continue.
NYS DOH	Medicaid Update	12/31/2020	Initial Medicaid Update Article published.
NYS DOH	Submit Report to MCOs related to Erectile/Sexual Dysfunction Drugs and Sex Offender Registry.	By 12/31/2020	Last timeframe reported out will be Quarter 2 of Calendar Year (CY) 2020.
Managed Care Plans	Formulary file submission to NYS DOH	1/5/2021	Includes changes/updates as of as of 12/31/2020, in order to update the Medicaid Managed Care Pharmacy Benefit Information Center.
NYS DOH	Medicaid Update	2/28/2021	Second Medicaid Update Article published.

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NYS DOH	MC Pharmacy Benefit Information Website	2/1/2021-6/30/2021	Make updates to the website to reference the Carve-Out and provide relevant links.
Managed Care Plans	Member Notice of the change	2/8/2021 - 3/1/2021	NYS DOH will provide letter template. Mailing will be phased.
Managed Care Plans	Pharmacy (NCPDP) Claim Encounter Submissions	Ongoing, for service dates through 3/31/2021.	Ensure that encounters are submitted daily, not more than 1 business day from the date of adjudication of the corresponding claim.
NYS DOH	Outpatient Pharmacy PMPM Payments to plans	End 3/31/2021, except for retroactive adjustments	Plans may initiate retroactive adjustments when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> there was active enrollment prior to 4/1/21 that had not been previously billed for, or a plan billed for a member prior to 4/1/21, for which there was not active enrollment. In this case, the plan would reverse the capitation claim in a subsequent period.
Managed Care Plans	Member Material Changes	By 4/1/2021	Make necessary changes to member materials and ID Cards.
NYS DOH	Outpatient pharmacy inquiries received by the Plans	Beginning 4/1/2021	NYS DOH to provide proposed process at a future meeting.
NYS DOH	Collaborative DUR	Beginning 4/1/2021	Provide DUR information and other related reports that will assist plans with medication adherence and/or disease management programs.
NYS DOH	Transition Period	4/1/2021 - 6/30/2021	The Department has established a transition period of April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. This is to ensure that members can obtain medications through FFS, that had been previously covered by their Medicaid Managed Care Plan without going through prior authorization. During the transition period, members will be provided with a one-time, temporary fill for drugs that require prior authorization under the FFS program (e.g. non-preferred drugs).
NYS DOH	Custom member and/or prescriber notifications	4/1/2021 - 6/30/2021	For one-time fills during the transition period, members and/or prescribers may be notified and will be provided with information regarding other options and the prior authorization process.
Managed Care Plans	Claims submission deadline	Per Plan's agreement with their PBM	The last day that Managed Care Plans will pay claims for service dates prior to 4/1/2021
Managed Care Plans	Physician Administered Claim Encounter Submissions	N/A	Physician administered drugs, when billed as an institutional or medical claim, will continue to be provided by the managed care plans and claim encounters will continue to be submitted to NYS DOH.

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Managed Care Plans	DUR Reports	N/A	<p>DUR survey for 2021- Due 7/1/2021, unless CMS delays it for some reason. (It was delayed to 9/30/2020 this year because of COVID.) The reporting period is 10/1/2019 – 11/30/2020.</p> <p>DUR survey for 2022 - the reporting period is 10/1/2020-11/30/2021 (So only member data through 3/31/2021).</p> <p>Physician administered drug information will continue to be required post carve-out.</p>

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