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Subject: Drug Shortage Coverage

The Maryland Department of Health (the Department) is amending the State Plan to include prescribed drugs that are not covered outpatient drugs (including drugs authorized for import by the Food and Drug Administration) are allowed Federal Financial Participation (FFP) when medically necessary during drug shortages identified by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

There continue to be shortages of some prescribed drugs. In certain cases, FDA allows temporary importation of drugs from other countries to mitigate the effects of drug shortages and assist with access to these drugs.

The proposed effective date is May 14, 2024. There is no expected fiscal impact for this change.

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