



MARYLAND MEDICAID PHARMACY PROGRAM

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ADVISORY

In an effort to give timely notice to the pharmacy and prescriber communities concerning important pharmacy topics, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's (DHMH's) Medicaid Pharmacy Program (MPP) has developed the Medicaid Pharmacy Program Advisory. An email network has been established for dissemination purposes, which incorporates the email lists of pharmacy and prescriber societies, associations and organizations. It is our hope that the information is disseminated to all interested parties.

- **Brand Name Anomalies to the PDL**
- **Useful Contact Information and Phone Numbers**

Brand name Anomalies to the PDL

Advisory 17 (<http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/mma/mpap/provadv.html>) discusses non-preferred generics, whose advertised prices remain close to the State prices of their brand name counterparts. By making the brand name products preferred and collecting generous supplemental rebates from drug manufacturers, the State is better-off paying for the branded products. Thus, the net cost to the State of certain brand name drugs compared to their generic equivalents can be substantial. That is why Maryland's PDL makes certain brand name products PREFERRED while their generic alternatives are NON-PREFERRED. In the case of one very common product, the State pays for the branded product an amount that is almost half the price of the generic. The special cases are listed below:

- Duragesic[®] is On the PDL, its generic alternative, fentanyl, is non-preferred.
- Flonase[®] is ON the PDL, its generic alternative, fluticasone, is non-preferred.
- Rebetol[®] is ON the PDL,, its generic alternative, ribavirin, is non-preferred .
- Zocor[®] is ON the PDL its generic alternative, simvastatin is non-preferred.

Several pharmacists have been having difficulty filing claims for these preferred multi-source brand name products. In order to receive proper payment, the claim must show a one (1) in the DAW field.

Another anomaly is OxyContin. Neither the brand name, OxyContin[®], nor the generic counterpart, oxycodone ER, are preferred. The price of both brand and the generic are currently extraordinarily expensive compared with other long-acting narcotic analgesics.

Useful Medicare Part D Contact Information and Phone Numbers

Questions concerning enrollment in Medicare Part D or coverage should be referred to CMS at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)

If recipients in Part D Programs have not been notified by the Social Security Administration (SSA) that they have been deemed eligible for the low-income subsidy to cover the cost of premiums, co-payments, and deductibles, they should contact the SSA at 1-800-772-1213 or 1-877-486-2048 for TTY users, to apply for the subsidy.

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene still operates a recipient hotline at 1-800-492-5231. If after contacting the Medicare Call Center, recipients continue to have difficulty resolving issues pertaining to the Medicare Part D drug program, they may call this number for assistance.

The following table provides county-by-county contact points for the Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP), which is managed by the Department of Aging. The SHIP coordinators are available to assist beneficiaries with Medicare Part D enrollment issues as well as other healthcare insurance matters. The general number for the Maryland Department of Aging is 1-800-243-3425.

SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (SHIP) And CURB ABUSE IN MEDICARE AND MEDICAID (CAMM) COORDINATORS

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