

MARYLAND MEDICAID PHARMACY PROGRAM

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In an effort to give timely notice to the pharmacy community concerning important pharmacy topics, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's (DHMH) **Maryland Pharmacy Program** (MPP) has developed the **Maryland Pharmacy Program Advisory**. To expedite information timely to the pharmacy and prescriber communities, an email network has been established which incorporates the email lists of the Maryland Pharmacists Association, EPIC, CARE, Long Term Care Consultants, headquarters of all chain drugstores and prescriber associations and organizations. It is our hope that the information is disseminated to all interested parties. If you have not received this email through any of the previously noted parties or via DHMH, please contact the MPP representative at 410-767-1455.

Coverage of Over-the-Counter Drugs Limited for Medicare/Medicaid Dual Eligibles

Recipients who have a Medicare Part D Pharmacy Plan and are also eligible for full Medicaid must use their Part D Plan for most medications. Coverage of Over-the-Counter drugs for dual eligibles is further limited by The Code of Maryland Regulations to those on this list:

- Enteric coated aspirin for the treatment of arthritis in quantities of at least 250 tablets of 325 milligrams each
- Nonlegend ergocalciferol (8,000 IU/ml) subject to approved Form 3495 Nutritional Supplement
- Oral ferrous sulfate preparations in the following strengths, dosage forms and quantities:

Drops (125mg/ml) in units of 50 ml dropper bottles

Elixir (220mg/5ml) in quantities of at least 480 ml

Syrup (90mg/5ml) in quantities of at least 480 ml

Tablets (300mg or 325 mg) in quantities of at least 100 tablets

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