



Transition of the Pharmacy Benefit from Managed Care to Fee-for-Service

General Information and Scope of Benefits

Effective **April 1, 2023**, Medicaid members enrolled in Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) Plans, Health and Recovery Plans (HARPs), and HIV-Special Needs Plans (SNPs) will receive their pharmacy benefits through the **NYRx Pharmacy** program, formerly known as the NYS Fee-for-Service (FFS) Pharmacy program. The transition will not apply to Medicaid members enrolled in Managed Long-Term Care (MLTC) plans, Essential Plans, or Child Health Plus.

The NYRx Drug Benefit change will not alter the scope of the existing NYS Medicaid pharmacy benefit, which includes:

- Covered outpatient prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) drugs that are listed on the [eMedNY "Medicaid Pharmacy List of Reimbursable Drugs" web page](#); and
- Pharmacist-administered vaccines and supplies listed in the [New York State Medicaid Program - Pharmacy Procedures and Supply Codes document](#), such as medical/surgical supplies, enteral and parenteral nutrition, and family planning.

A complete list of items subject to the transition can be found in the [Pharmacy Scope of Benefits chart](#). Please note: durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies listed in sections 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, and 4.7 of the [New York State Medicaid Program - Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies - Procedure Codes and Coverage Guidelines](#) are not subject to the transition.

Enrollment

Federal law requires that all MMC and HARP (also known as Healthfirst Personal Wellness Plan) network providers be enrolled in their state's Medicaid program and have an active Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) number. **Prescribing providers rendering services to Healthfirst's MMC- and HARP-eligible members are required to submit an enrollment application for the NYS Medicaid program immediately.** Failure to enroll will result in the rejection of any prescriptions written at participating pharmacies and may result in termination from participation in any Healthfirst network that serves MMC or HARP members.

Important: Enrollment as a Medicaid provider does not require you to accept Medicaid Fee-for-Service patients.

Provider Alert

What you need to do if you are not enrolled with Medicaid:

There are two options for enrollment:

- 1. Individual Billing Medicaid Provider** - Providers who wish to order, prescribe, refer, and receive payment for covered services should apply as an "Individual Billing Medicaid" (or "Individual Biller").
- 2. Ordering, Prescribing, Referring, Attending (OPRA) Provider** - Providers who wish only to order, prescribe, and refer, and not to receive payment, may enroll in the NYS Medicaid program as an OPRA provider. This is an abbreviated enrollment pathway comparative to the option noted above.

Information regarding how to enroll as a Medicaid provider, after choosing the appropriate provider type, is available on the eMedNY "[Provider Enrollment and Maintenance](#)" [web page](#).

Questions and Important Medicaid Contacts:

- Providers may review the [Medicaid Pended Provider Listing](#) to check their enrollment status.
- If you have questions regarding the enrollment process, your enrollment status, or what you need to do to enroll, please contact providerenrollment@health.ny.gov or call the eMedNY Call Center at 1-800-343-9000.
- Enrollment policy questions should be directed to the Medicaid Pharmacy Policy Unit by telephone at 1-518-486-3209 or by email at NYRx@health.ny.gov
- A list of Medicaid NYRx's covered drugs can be found at [Medicaid Pharmacy List of Reimbursable Drugs](#).
- Prior authorizations:
 - Magellan 1-877-309-9493, or [NYRx, the Medicaid Pharmacy Program](#)
 - Office of Health Insurance Programs (OHIP), 1-800-342-3005, for medical supplies and procedure code limits
 - Enteral Prior Authorization Call Line, 1-866-211-1736, Option 1, for enteral nutrition prior authorizations
- Additional information regarding the Pharmacy Benefit Transition may be found in the [Special Edition Medicaid Updates](#) and [New York State Medicaid Update - January 2023 Volume 39 - Number 2 \(ny.gov\)](#).

If you have any health plan-specific questions, please call Healthfirst Provider Services at **1-888-801-1660**, Monday to Friday, 8:30am–5:30pm. Thank you for your attention to and cooperation with this important initiative.