

Proposed Changes – Medicaid Pharmacy Preferred Drug List

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PROPOSED REGULATION CITATION		QUESTIONS	RESPONSES
1.	Preferred Drug List 7 AAC 160.900(d)	Where can I find a copy of the current Preferred Drug List (PDL)?	<p>The current PDL may be found on the following website: http://dhss.alaska.gov/dhcs/Pages/pdl/default.aspx</p> <p>Information about the Preferred Drug List program may be found at the following website: http://dhss.alaska.gov/dhcs/Pages/pdl/about_pdl.aspx</p>
2.	Preferred Drug List 7 AAC 160.900(d)	How can I tell whether the status of a drug changed from the current PDL to the proposed PDL?	<p>The proposed PDL document contains a column titled “STATUS CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS PDL”.</p> <p>If the contents of this field for a specific drug lists “Change”, then the status on the proposed PDL is different than the current PDL.</p> <p>If the contents of this field for a specific drug lists “NoChange”, then the status on the proposed PDL is the same as the current PDL.</p>
3.	Preferred Drug List 7 AAC 160.900(d)	If a medication will not be included as a preferred drug on the updated preferred drug list (PDL), based on the current proposed changes, what is the clinical criteria and procedure for a physician to prescribe it for a Medicaid patient?	<p>In accordance with 7 AAC 120.112 and 7 AAC 120.140, Alaska Medicaid may pay for a brand-name covered outpatient drug that is listed as non-preferred on the PDL if the prescriber writes on the prescription “brand-name medically necessary”. Documentation of medical necessity must be retained in the medical record and made available upon request.</p> <p>Other prior authorization may be applied under 7 AAC 120.130.</p>

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4.	Preferred Drug List 7 AAC 160.900(d)	If a medication is not listed on the PDL, is the drug not on the Alaska Medicaid formulary?	<p>The preferred drug list (PDL) represents just a small subset of all of the available drug classes that qualify as covered outpatient drugs. The Alaska Medicaid Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee reviews this subset of drug classes and makes recommendations to the Department for the development of the PDL to guide appropriate utilization of FDA-approved pharmaceutical drug products based on safety, clinical efficacy, and cost.</p> <p>All drugs on the PDL must qualify as Covered Outpatient Drugs as defined in 7 AAC 120.110(b). Alaska Medicaid does not maintain a separate formulary (i.e., list of all approved drugs) but uses the definition in 7 AAC 120.110(b) to identify whether a drug product qualifies for coverage within Alaska Medicaid.</p>
5.	Partial fill claims 7 AAC 145.410(7)	<p>What is an NCPDP compliant partial fill claim?</p> <p>NCPDP – National Council for Prescription Drug Programs</p>	<p>Pharmacy claims are required to be submitted in an NCPDP D.0 compliant format. In an NCPDP compliant transaction, partial fills are identified by the pharmacy provider in the 343-HD “Dispensing Status” field of the claim segment of the transaction.</p> <p>Specifications related to submitting a partial fill may be found in the Alaska Medicaid D.0 Payer Specification reference which may be found at the following link under the <i>Documents</i> section: http://manuals.medicaidalaska.com/docs/pharmacy.htm</p>

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6.	Partial fill claims 7 AAC 145.410(7)	Will the definition of partial fills, 7 AAC 145.410(7), apply to prescriptions, if the prescription order from the provider was to “place in medset”?	<p>Alaska Medicaid supports submittal of NCPDP compliant partial fill claims. Providers are not required to submit partial fill claim transactions when the pharmacy dispenses a quantity less than the full quantity authorized, provided the submitted quantity dispensed does not exceed the actual quantity dispensed.</p> <p>The frequency of mediset or other dispense fee reimbursement defined under 7 AAC 145.410(a)(1)-(5) is not modified with this proposed regulation.</p>