

# PHARMACY FACTS

## Program Updates from Louisiana Medicaid



**May 15, 2020**

### **Generic Albuterol**

As of Wednesday, May 20, 2020 all the generic albuterol HFA inhalers will be preferred products along with the current preferred brands (ProAir HFA® and Proventil HFA®).

At a recent meeting, our pharmacy providers brought up an easier way for physicians to write for albuterol inhalers. When writing a script for an albuterol inhaler, it is recommended to write “1 inhaler” versus how many grams per inhaler. This will allow the pharmacist to be able to substitute with whatever generic product they are able to get versus calling the physician to ask if it is OK to switch to another product due to different grams.

If the physician writes for generic albuterol, the pharmacist will now be able to dispense brand or generic depending on their stock as of May 20, 2020. This allowance was made in response to supply shortages being brought to our attention by wholesalers and providers during COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Early Refill Edit**

As of Monday, May 18, 2020 the early refill edit will be turned back on for Fee-for-Service (FFS) and the Managed Care Organizations (MCO).

### **Naloxone Standing Order**

We want to clarify any confusion surrounding the naloxone standing order. For calendar year 2020, the order has been signed by Dr. James Hussey, Medical Director of the Office of Behavioral Health. Here is the link to the current standing order: <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/opioid/NaloxoneStandingOrder2020.pdf>.

### **Adult Vaccines**

On July 1, 2020, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) and the MCOs will begin covering adult vaccines as seen below in the chart. The chart has been updated to include pharmacy and medical benefit where appropriate in **RED** to denote a new change.

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\*\*\* For all plans <19 years old is included in the Vaccines for Children Program \*\*\*

Immunization	FFS	Aetna	ACLA	HB	LHCC	UHC
MMR	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit
Varicella	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit
HPV	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit
MenACWY	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit
Pneumovax 23	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit
Prevnar 13	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit
Hep A	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit
Hep B	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit
Shingrix and Zostavax	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit
Flu	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit
MenB	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit
Hib	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit
Tetanus & Diphtheria Toxoids (Td)	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit
Tetanus, diphtheria Toxoids & acellular pertussis (Tdap)	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit	Medical & Pharmacy Benefit
Typhoid	N/A	Medical Benefit	N/A	N/A	N/A	Vivotif for Pharmacy Benefit