



Medicaid Prescription Drug Therapy – Coming October 1, 2020

Effective October 1, 2020, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will require Medicaid Health Plans to follow the Michigan Preferred Drug List (PDL) used by the State's Fee-for-Service (FFS) Medicaid pharmacy program. It will be called the Single PDL (SPDL) and will align prescription coverage for Medicaid Health Plans and FFS.

HAP Empowered Medicaid will cover products on the Single PDL and will continue to administer drug coverage overall under the MCO Common Formulary.

Transition plan

Prior to implementation of the SPDL, we are required to transition drug treatment to products on the SPDL for members who are currently using non-preferred or non-formulary drugs.

In early July, we sent letters to impacted members. Prescribers with impacted patients also received a report with the patient name and ID, impacted drug, and list of alternatives on the SPDL for the drug. Providers were instructed to review the alternatives, select the best alternative for their patient, and write a new prescription for their patient's October fill. We are sending follow-up letters with reports between now and October for new claims for non-preferred or non-formulary drugs.

We are required to make these drug transitions by October 1. If you have any questions, please call the HAP Empowered Medicaid Pharmacy team at (313) 664-8940 option 3.