

Introduction

The Ohio Department of Medicaid, in partnership with the Medicaid managed care plans (MCPs), is moving toward creating a Unified Preferred Drug List (UPDL). The goals of this initiative include:

- Reducing administrative burden for providers by simplifying and streamlining the prescribing and prior authorization processes
- Allowing for a standard process across Ohio Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) and the MCPs to support population health initiatives
- Clinical coordination of care for Ohio's Medicaid population
- Minimizing member movement across MCPs

This change will affect Medicaid beneficiaries in Ohio. This change does not apply to members who receive *both* Medicaid and Medicare benefits (also called Medicaid MyCare).

Beginning January 1, 2020, all Ohio Medicaid MCPs will prefer the same medications and use the same prior authorization criteria for all UPDL-included drug categories.

This unified list of drugs will help both prescribers and members know which drugs are covered with or without prior approval. Prior approval is also called prior authorization.

FAQ

1. Will I need to change my medications?

If a prescription drug you take is no longer preferred, you will be notified by your doctor, MCP or pharmacy. If a prescription drug you take is no longer preferred, your MCP will send you a letter in November 2019. The letter will tell you which of your current drugs will need prior approval. You may need to change your current drug(s) or get prior approval from your prescriber to stay on your current drug(s). **Your plan will work with your prescriber to cover a drug that meets your needs. You will not lose drug coverage.**

2. Will I receive a new Medicaid ID card?

No. You will still use your same Medicaid ID card at the pharmacy.

3. Do I need to take any action now?

If you receive a letter in the mail from your MCP, make sure to review the letter carefully. You should discuss this information with your prescriber at your next visit or call your prescriber at your earliest convenience. However, if you go to the pharmacy to refill your prescription before your next visit, you might be told that your drug requires prior approval from your prescriber. Your plan will work with your prescriber to cover a drug that meets your needs. You will not lose drug coverage.

4. More information and help is available.

If you have questions or problems with your prescription, call member services at your MCP by dialing the toll-free number on your Medicaid ID card.

MCP Name	Member Services Phone Number
Buckeye Community Health Plan	1-866-246-4358
CareSource	1-800-488-0134
Molina Healthcare	1-800-642-4168
Paramount <i>Advantage</i>	1-800-462-3589
United HealthcareCommunity Plan of Ohio	1-800-895-2017
Fee for Service (no MCP)	1-800-324-8680

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Providers may refer to the ODM Pharmacy website <https://pharmacy.medicaid.ohio.gov/> under “Drug Coverage” for more information or can contact MEDICAID_PHARMACY@medicaid.ohio.gov with questions or concerns.