



Department of Medicaid

To: All long-term care nursing facility and pharmacy providers
From: The Ohio Department of Medicaid
Subject: Over-the-counter drugs for nursing facility individuals enrolled in Fee-For-Service Medicaid

The Ohio Department of Medicaid is providing this notification as a reminder of the over-the-counter (OTC) drug coverage policies for nursing facility (NF) individuals enrolled in Fee-For-Service Medicaid.

ODM identifies individuals who reside in a long-term care facility including in a NF.

As outlined in Ohio Administrative Code 5160-9-03, many OTC drugs are the responsibility of the NF and reimbursed through the facility per diem payment. The following drug classes that contain OTC drugs are NOT separately reimbursable:

- Analgesics, including urinary analgesics;
- Compounding vehicles and bulk chemicals;
- Cough and cold preparations and antihistamines;
- Ear preparations;
- Gastrointestinal agents (except histamine-2 receptor antagonists, proton pump inhibitors, and loperamide);
- Hemorrhoidal preparations;
- Nasal preparations (except nasal corticosteroids);
- Ophthalmic agents (except antihistamines);
- Saliva substitutes;
- Sedatives;
- Topical agents (except antifungal and acne preparations); or
- Vitamins and minerals (except prenatal vitamins and fluoride).

If the pharmacy provider has knowledge that the individual does not reside in a NF, the pharmacy should contact the pharmacy claims processor, Change Healthcare, to request an override. The individual or individual's authorized representative should be advised to ask the Medicaid eligibility caseworker to verify and change the living arrangement in the eligibility record in Ohio Benefits.

Department	Contact Information
Change Healthcare Technical Helpdesk and Technical Prior Authorizations	1-877-518-1545 Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week