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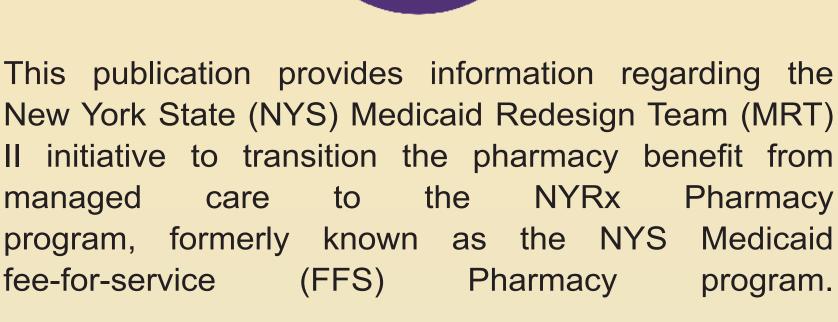
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It contains general information regarding NYS transition strategy and other important facts that Pharmacy program. Future Medicaid Update articles will provide additional details and guidance. Detailed information regarding the NYRx Pharmacy program is available on the NYS Department of Health (DOH) "Welcome to the NY Medicaid Pharmacy Program (NYRx)" web page, which is regularly updated.

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**General Information** Effective April 1, 2023, NYS Medicaid members enrolled in mainstream Medicaid Care (MMC) Plans, Health and Recovery Plans (HARPs), and HIV-Special Needs Plans (SNPs) will receive their pharmacy benefits through the NYRx Pharmacy program instead of through their MMC Plan. The pharmacy benefit transition to NYRx does not apply to NYS Medicaid members enrolled in Managed Long-Term Care (MLTC) Plans [e.g., MLTC, Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), Medicaid Advantage Plus (MAP), the Essential Plan, or Child Health Plus (CHP)]. Transitioning the pharmacy benefit from MMC to NYRx will provide NYS with full visibility into prescription drug costs, allow centralization of the benefit, leverage

negotiation power, and provide a uniform list of covered drugs with standardized utilization management

protocols simplifying and streamlining the drug benefit for NYS Medicaid members. NYS Medicaid

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Pharmacy Procedures and Supply Codes document, such as enteral and parenteral nutrition, family planning, and medical/surgical supplies. The complete list of items subject to the Transition can be reviewed in the Pharmacy Scope of Benefits chart. Please note: Physician administered drugs (commonly referred to as J-code drugs) not listed on the eMedNY "Medicaid Pharmacy List of Reimbursable Drugs" web page are not subject to the Transition. durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) listed Additionally, in sections 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, and 4.7 of the <u>New York State Medicaid Program – Durable Medical</u> <u>Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies – Procedure Codes and Coverage Guidelines</u> are not subject to the Transition. All mentioned items will remain the responsibility of the MMC Plans.

Effective April 1, 2023, the following NYRx Programs will also apply to NYS MMC enrollees:

The PDP program promotes the use of less expensive, equally effective prescription drugs when medically

appropriate. All drugs currently covered by NYS Medicaid remain available under the PDP and the

determination of preferred and non-preferred drugs does not prohibit a prescriber from obtaining any covered under NYS Medicaid. The medications Drug Utilization Review of the (DUR) drug classes and makes recommendations to the Commissioner of Health reviews regarding the selection of preferred and non-preferred drugs within certain drug classes. Brand Less Than Generic (BLTG) Program The BLTG program is a cost containment initiative which promotes the use of certain multi-source brand name drugs when the cost of the brand name drug is less expensive to the NYS, than the generic equivalent. Clinical Drug Review Program (CDRP)

The CDRP is aimed to ensure that specific drugs are used in a medically appropriate manner. Under

the CDRP, certain drugs require prior authorization (PA) because there may be specific safety issues,

public health concerns, the potential for fraud and abuse or the potential for significant overuse and misuse.

The DUR program helps to ensure that prescriptions for outpatient drugs are appropriate, medically

necessary, and not likely to result in adverse medical consequences. DUR programs use professional

medical protocols and computer technology and data processing to assist in the management of data regarding the prescribing of medicines and the dispensing of prescriptions over periods of time. Mandatory Generic Drug Program (MGDP) The MGDP requires PA for brand-name prescriptions with an A-rated generic equivalent. law excludes Medicaid coverage of brand name drugs that have a Federal Food NYS Drug Administration unless a (FDA) approved A-rated generic equivalent, and

obtained. Drugs subject to the PDP and/or the BLTG program are not subject to the MGDP.

The Dose Optimization program can reduce prescription costs by reducing the number of pills a patient

needs to take each day. The NYS DOH has identified the drugs that are included in this program,

the majority of which have FDA approval for once-a-day dosing, have multiple strengths available in

correlating increments at similar costs and are currently being utilized above the recommended dosing frequency. • Preferred Diabetic Supply Program (PDSP) The NYS Medicaid Program participates in a Preferred Diabetic Supply Program (PDSP) to provide NYS Medicaid members access to quality glucose meters and test strips, while at the same time reducing overall program costs.

NYS DOH began conducting monthly meetings in August 2022 with all interested stakeholders to

provide implementation updates, facilitate Q&A sessions, and to incorporate feedback received

from sessions into the workplan. For information regarding these meetings, including copies of

presentations, visit the "Stakeholder Engagement" section of the NYS DOH "Repository" web page.

NYS DOH is analyzing MMC claims by program area to inform transition strategy. NYS DOH

will include details regarding the analysis and transition strategy that will be used to ensure continued access to medications in future stakeholder meetings.

**Transition Period** Between April 1, 2023, and June 30, 2023, NYS Medicaid members will be able to obtain a one-time fill for medications that are non-preferred in NYRx without the normal PA requirement. This will allow prescribers to switch NYS for Medicaid members to a NYRx additional time non-preferred medication PA required) obtain PA for the medication. (no or а

PAs for drugs previously authorized by MMC Plans will be recognized and honored by NYRx following the

Transition. MMC Plans will share the previously approved PAs with the NYS DOH. No PA will be required when

NYRx PA requirements (e.g., correct diagnosis) are met, according to the enrollee's MMC Plan claim history.

Communication regarding the Transition will be made by both NYS DOH and MMC Plans. Additionally,

communication will be established through a variety of methods including general and targeted

communications (e.g., future *Medicaid Update* articles). For information regarding these communications

and their timing, providers can refer to the Transition and Communications Activities Timeline document, which can be found under the "Resources & Materials" tab of the NYS DOH "Repository" web page.

for Managed Care Providers article published in the April 2022 issue of the Medicaid Update

for instructions on how to check enrollment status and enrollment tips. Pharmacies not enrolled

in the NYRx program as billing providers must enroll to continue serving MMC Plan enrollees.

Member Identification Number: Effective April 1, 2023, pharmacies will bill NYRx using the Client

Identification Number (CIN), which can be found on both the NYS Benefit card and the enrollees MMC Plan card.

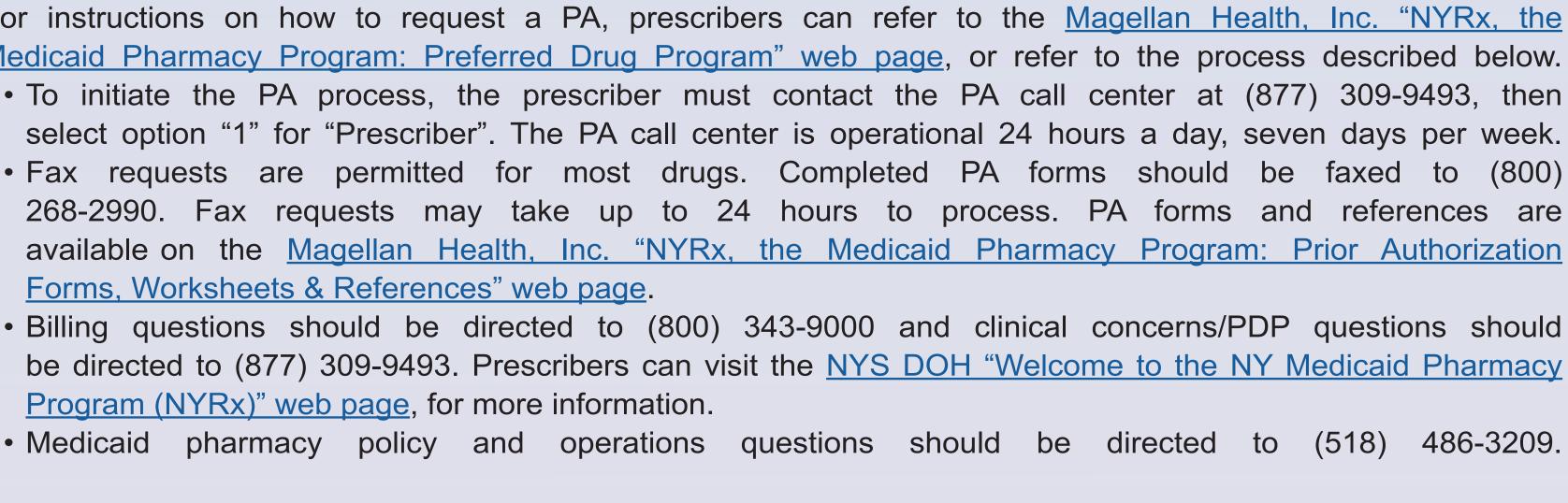
The CIN is a unique number assigned to each NYS Medicaid member, used by a pharmacy to submit

pharmacy claims to NYRx. All NYS Medicaid members are assigned a CIN even if they are enrolled

in a MMC Plan. The CIN is located on all NYS Medicaid member cards, including MMC Plan cards.

On some MMC Plan cards the CIN is referred to as "CIN"; however, other MMC Plan cards may identify the CIN as "Program ID", "Member ID", or "ID#". In other cases, the CIN may be embedded into a longer number; however, the CIN is always represented in the following format: "XX00000X". DATE PERCENTION BASES OF BUILDING

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## <u>Orthotics and Supplies - Procedure Codes and Coverage Guidelines</u> are not subject to the Transition. Resources:

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• eMedNY New York State Medicaid Members "Find a Pharmacy/Medical Equipment Supplier" web page NYS DOH "Drug Utilization Review (DUR)" web page • NYS DOH "New York State Medicaid Fee-for-Service Program: Pharmacists as Immunizers Fact Sheet" web page NYS Medicaid member rights: NYS DOH "Medicaid" homepage, under the "COVID-19 News and **Updates**" section

• All questions regarding the Transition should be sent to <a href="https://www.ny.gov">NYRx@health.ny.gov</a>. Providers must include

• Providers interested in receiving MRT email alerts should visit the NYS DOH "Medicaid Redesign

For suspected fraud, waste or abuse complaints/allegations, call 1-877-87FRAUD, (877) 873-7283, or visit Office of Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) web site. Provider Manuals/Companion Guides, Enrollment Information/Forms/Training Schedules: Please visit the <u>eMedNY website</u>.

**Beneficiary Eligibility:** Call the Touchtone Telephone Verification System at (800) 997-1111. **Medicaid Prescriber Education Program:** 

Please enroll online for a provider seminar. For individual training requests, call (800) 343-9000.

For current information on best practices in pharmacotherapy, please visit the following websites:

change, enrolling another NPI, or revalidating an existing enrollment, please visit eMedNY's Provider

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Information for Pharmacies **Enrollment** Pharmacies should refer to the Medicaid Enrollment Requirements and Compliance Deadlines

Please note: The sequence number is not required for submitting claims.

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Benefit Information Center homepage. Under the "Managed Care Plans" section of the homepage, providers can select from 16 different plan cards, which reveal exact CIN location, when selected. Identification Number (BIN) and Processor Control Number (PCN): When submitting Bank NYRx claims to NYS Medicaid via NCPDP D.0, the BIN ("004740") is required in field 101-A1. The PCN, required in field 104-A4, has two formats which are comprised of ten characters: First format for three-digit Electronic Transaction Identification Number (ETIN)

For assistance locating the CIN on an MMC Plan card, providers should refer to the NYS MMC Pharmacy

4-digit ETIN (4) PA Prescribers should review the Preferred Drug List (PDL), which contains a full-listing of drugs/classes subject to the NYRx programs and information on clinical criteria prior to April 1, 2023. Prescribers can either switch NYS Medicaid members to a preferred product or obtain a PA for a non- preferred product. For instructions on how to request a PA, prescribers can refer to the Magellan Health, Inc. "NYRx, the Medicaid Pharmacy Program: Preferred Drug Program" web page, or refer to the process described below. • To initiate the PA process, the prescriber must contact the PA call center at (877) 309-9493, then

status and enrollment tips. DMEPOS providers who are not enrolled in the NYRx program must enroll as billing providers to continue serving MMC. **Supplies** Supplies listed in the New York State Medicaid Program - Pharmacy Procedures and Supply Codes document, such as enteral and parenteral nutrition, family planning and medical/surgical supplies, are subject to the Transition. Items that will remain the responsibility of the MMC Plans include DMEPOS, as listed in Sections 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, and 4.7 of the New York State Medicaid Program – Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics,

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• New York State Medicaid Program – Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies – Procedure

• Outpatient Prescription Drugs: eMedNY "Medicaid Pharmacy List of Reimbursable Drugs" web page

• Magellan Health, Inc. "NYRx, the Medicaid Pharmacy Program: Preferred Drug Program" web page

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DMEPOS providers should refer to the Attention: Pharmacies Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics,

Orthotics, and Supply Providers, and Prescribers That are Not Enrolled in Medicaid Fee-for-Service article

published in the October 2020 issue of the Medicaid Update, for instructions on how to check enrollment

Providers wishing to listen to the current week's check/EFT amounts: Please call (866) 307-5549 (available Thursday PM for one week for the current week's amount).

Please call the eMedNY Call Center at (800) 343-9000.

For questions about billing and performing MEVS transactions:

 Prescriber Education Program in partnership with SUNY **eMedNY** For a number of services, including: change of address, updating an enrollment file due to an ownership

Enrollment page and choose the appropriate link based on provider type.

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