



## Subject: Important Updates on NYRx, the Medicaid Pharmacy Benefit

Dear Members,

We hope this communication finds you well. We have news about NYRx. Your health matters to us, and we want to give you the latest information to help you manage your drugs and supplies.

### What is NYRx?

NYRx is your New York Medicaid pharmacy benefit. NYRx covers your prescription drugs and supplies, and some over-the-counter items. To see what's covered under the NYRx program, visit <https://member.emedny.org/>.

## Key Updates

### Changes to Coverage of Phosphate Binder Medications for Patients on Kidney Dialysis:

Starting **January 1, 2026**, the way New York State Medicaid covers drugs that remove phosphate from the body (phosphate binder drugs), for patients on kidney dialysis will change. These drugs will still be covered by Medicaid but will be provided by your dialysis clinic, not the pharmacy. The following is a list of phosphate binder drugs you will get from your dialysis clinic or facility:

- calcium acetate
- Auryxia™
- ferric citrate
- Fosrenol®
- lanthanum carbonate
- Renvela®
- sevelamer carbonate
- sevelamer HCl
- Velphoro®
- Xphozah®

### How will you get these medicines?

You will still be able to get these medicines, but they will come directly from your dialysis clinic or facility not the pharmacy. Talk to your dialysis clinic or facility to get these medicines.

## Important Reminders

**Stay Up to Date:** To review current and past member notifications for NYRx, visit the '**Member Notices**' section of the eMedNY member website: <https://member.emedny.org/pharmacy/notices>

## Questions? We're Here to Help!

If you have any questions regarding your pharmacy benefits or NYRx, please call the Medicaid Helpline at (800) 541-2831. Our agents are available:

- Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 8 PM
- Saturday, 9 AM to 1 PM.

TTY 1-800-662-1220. We also provide help in different languages.

Thank you,

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