

NYS MEDICAID PHARMACY PRIOR AUTHORIZATION (PA) PROGRAMS

The Medicaid pharmacy fee-for-service program requires that prescribers obtain prior authorization for certain prescription drugs through the following initiatives:

Preferred Drug Program (PDP)

- Promotes the prescribing of less expensive and equally effective drugs when medically appropriate
- Prior authorization is not required for preferred drugs

Mandatory Generic Drug Program

- Promotes the use of generic drugs when medically appropriate
- Drugs exempt from the program:

Clozaril	Levothyroxine sodium
Coumadin	Neoral
Dilantin	Sandimmune
Gengraf	Zarontin
Lanoxin	

Clinical Drug Review Program (CDRP)

- Helps to ensure certain medications are used appropriately
- Drugs subject to the program:

Actiq/Fentora*	Revatio
Byetta*	Serostim
Lidoderm*	Zyvox

* Effective July 30, 2008

FAMILY HEALTH PLUS (FHPLUS) PHARMACY BENEFIT INFORMATION

Effective October 1, 2008
The pharmacy benefit for FHPlus will be administered by the Medicaid Program

- Pharmacy benefit includes:
 - Prescription drugs
 - Insulin & diabetic supplies
 - Smoking cessation agents
 - Certain over-the-counter drugs
 - Hearing aid batteries
 - Enteral formula
- FHPlus co-pays will remain the same:
 - Brand name drugs: \$6.00
 - Generic drugs: \$3.00
 - Diabetic supplies, hearing aid batteries and enteral formulae: \$1.00
 - Covered over-the-counter drugs: \$0.50
- FHPlus enrollees that do not have a benefit identification card, will receive one in the mail to use for their pharmacy benefit.
- FHPlus enrollees that already have a benefit identification card used to access other benefits, will use that same card for their pharmacy benefit.
- FHPlus enrollees should continue to use their managed care plan card for all medical care and services.

WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION

Web Sites

- <https://newyork.fhsc.com>
 - Information on PA Programs
 - Preferred Drug List
 - Material for enrollees
- www.nyhealth.gov
 - Medicaid Update publication
 - Pharmacy program information
 - P&T Committee information
 - FHPlus program information

Phone Numbers

- **Family Health Plus:** (877) 934-7587
- **Medicaid Helpline:** (877) 873-7283
Enrollees: (800) 541-2831
- **Pharmacy Policy:** (518) 486-3209
- **Enteral Therapy PA Line:** (866) 211-1736
- **Clinical Call Center for Pharmacy PA:**
Telephone: (877) 309-9493
Fax: (800) 268-2990 (PDP drugs only)

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