

## NYRx Education & Outreach Month in Review Newsletter February 2026



[Welcome](#) | [Publications](#) | [About](#) | [Resources](#) | [Contact](#)

### Welcome!

As we wrap up the month of January, we'd like to highlight these activities from the past month. In this issue, you'll find links to new and updated information from NYRx Education & Outreach and the New York State Department of Health.

### New & Updated Publications

#### NYRx Education & Outreach Publications

- [NYRx Brand Less Than Generic Program Update](#) – Revised December 4, 2025.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Anti-Infective - Topicals](#) – Select medications in this drug class are subject to prior authorization requirements.
- [NYRx Notice to Providers: Medicaid Coverage of Penicillin G Benzathine](#) – January 5, 2026. The FDA reports continued supply issues with Bicillin L-A and Extencilline. In response to this shortage, Lentocilin<sup>®</sup> has been added to the Medicaid Pharmacy List of Reimbursable Drugs.
- [NYRx Preferred Drug Quick List](#) – Revised December 18, 2025.
- [NYRx Preferred Drug List](#) – Revised January 20, 2026.
- [NYRx Cost Optimization Program Overview](#) – Effective December 18, 2025. NYRx initiated a cost optimization program to help address increasing drug costs.

#### NYRx, Medicaid Pharmacy Policy Publications

- [Compound Policy Coverage Update](#) – Effective February 5, 2026. NYRx will be implementing system changes to enforce compound policy for certain compound claims.
- [Important Communication: Unlicensed Interns, Residents, & Foreign Physicians In Training Programs Are Authorized Prescribers for Medicaid Members](#) – January 2026. Interns, residents, and foreign physicians in training programs are eligible to prescribe for Medicaid members without enrollment as a Medicaid provider.

#### New York State Department of Health Publications

- [Clinical Psychology Procedure Codes & Fee Schedule](#) – January 2026.
- [Edit 02304 – Zero-Fill for Private Duty Nursing \(PDN\) Claims](#) – Effective January 1, 2026. All new bypasses of Edit 02304 for PDN services, approval for the zero-fill bypass, will be valid for three years.

- [Fee Updates for Independent Practitioner Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities](#) – Effective April 1, 2025. A retroactive fee update for Independent Practitioner Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities (IPSIDD).
- [New York State Medicaid Program Fee-For-Service Laboratory Procedure Codes and Coverage Guidelines Manual](#) – January 2026.
- [New York State Medicaid Program Information for All Providers Managed Care Information](#) – January 1, 2026.
- [New York State Medicaid Updated Coverage Criteria for Bariatric Surgery](#) – Updated policy guidance to New York State Medicaid-enrolled providers and Managed Care Organizations (MCO) on the coverage criteria for bariatric surgery.
- [NYS Medicaid Laboratory Services Fee Schedule](#) – Effective January 1, 2026.
- [NYS Medicaid Midwife Services Fee Schedule](#) – Effective January 1, 2026.
- [NYS Medicaid Nurse Practitioner Services Fee Schedule](#) – Effective January 1, 2026.
- [NYS Medicaid Ordered Ambulatory Services Fee Schedule](#) – Effective January 1, 2026.
- [NYS Medicaid Physician Anesthesia Services Fee Schedule](#) – Effective January 1, 2026.
- [NYS Medicaid Physician Drug and Drug Administration Services Fee Schedule](#) – Effective January 1, 2026.
- [NYS Medicaid Physician Medicine Services Fee Schedule](#) – Effective January 1, 2026.
- [NYS Medicaid Physician Radiology Services Fee Schedule](#) – Effective January 1, 2026.
- [NYS Medicaid Physician Surgery Services Fee Schedule](#) – Effective January 1, 2026.
- [NYS Medicaid Podiatry Services Fee Schedule](#) – Effective January 1, 2026.
- [NYS Medicaid Vision Care Services Fee Schedule](#) – Effective January 1, 2026.
- [Rehabilitation Services Procedure Codes & Fee Schedule](#) – January 2026.
- [Social Care Network Provider Policy Manual](#) – January 2026.
- [The 2026 NYS Medicaid Dental Policy and Procedure Code Manual and Updated Fee Schedule Are Available on eMedNY](#) – Effective January 1, 2026.

## New York State Department of Health Press Releases

- [DEC Reminds New Yorkers to Stay Alert for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza](#) – January 12, 2026. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced that Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) continues to infect birds and mammals across the U.S. and Canada, including New York State. With wild bird mortalities from HPAI increasing in late fall and peaking over the winter months, the DEC reminds New Yorkers to stay alert.
- [Northeast Public Health Collaborative Recommends American Academy of Pediatrics Vaccine Schedule](#) – January 12, 2026. In the wake of recent revisions to federal childhood immunization guidance, the Northeast Public Health Collaborative continues to recommend the American Academy of Pediatrics' (AAP) [Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule](#). The AAP recommended immunization schedule serves as the foundation for discussions between families and their providers, as it always has.

## About Us

The NYRx Education & Outreach team serves as a liaison between all stakeholders and NYRx to support care coordination. Clinical liaisons are trained to support and help solve complex pharmacy cases for:

- Managed Care Plans
- Case workers and NYS agencies

- Prescribers and pharmacies with questions regarding NYRx drug coverage, prior approval requirements, and NYRx enrolled pharmacies
- Complex care coordination for populations such as HIV/AIDS, Hemophilia, Foster Care Children, Serious Mental Illness, Substance Use Disorder, and Hepatitis C

## Resources

- [NYRx E&O Publications](#)
- [NYRx E&O Website](#)
- [NYRx E&O YouTube Channel](#)
- [New York Public Health Now Podcast](#)

## Contact Us

- [NYRx E&O Mailbox](#)
- NYRx E&O Call Center at 1-833-967-7310, M – F, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM ET, Excludes Holidays
- The NYRx E&O team is available to meet with you. To request a meeting, click [here](#).