

NYRx Education & Outreach Month in Review Newsletter

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Welcome!

As we wrap up the month of February, 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](#) – Effective February 19, 2026.
- [NYRx Preferred Drug Quick List](#) – Effective February 19, 2026.
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- [NYRx Authorized Prescribers for Medicaid Members Reminder to Pharmacy Providers](#) – Revised February 20, 2026.
- [NYRx Cost Optimization Program Overview](#) – Revised February 19, 2026.
- [NYRx Criteria Requirements: Frequency/Quantity/Duration](#) – Revised February 19, 2026.
- [NYRx Dose Optimization Overview](#) – Revised February 19, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Anti-Infective - Topicals](#) – Revised February 19, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Antimigraine Agents](#) – Revised February 19, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Antipsychotics - Second Generation](#) – Revised February 19, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Benzodiazepines](#) – Revised February 19, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Central Nervous System \(CNS\) Stimulants and Other Agents for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder \(ADHD\)](#) – Revised February 19, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 \(GLP-1\) Receptor Agonists - Type 2 Diabetes](#) – Revised February 19, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Immunomodulators - Systemic and Benlysta](#) – Revised February 19, 2026.

- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Immunomodulators & Related Agents - Topical](#) – Revised February 19, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Insulin - Long-Acting](#) – Revised February 24, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Leukotriene Modifiers](#) – Revised February 19, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Opioids - Long-Acting](#) – Revised February 19, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Proton Pump \(PPI\)/Acid Secretion Inhibitors](#) – Revised February 19, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Sedative Hypnotics/Sleep Agents](#) – Revised February 19, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Opioids – Short-Acting](#) – Revised February 19, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Skeletal Muscle Relaxants](#) – Revised February 19, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Sodium Glucose Co-Transporter 2 \(SGLT2\) Inhibitors](#) – Revised February 19, 2026.
- [NYRx Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies](#) – Revised February 19, 2026.
- [NYRx Formulary Update: Evotaz](#) – Published February 3, 2026.
- [NYRx Formulary Update: Pulmicort® Flexhaler](#) – Published February 20, 2026.
- [NYRx Notice to Prescribers and Pharmacies: Prescription Versus Over-the-Counter Drugs](#) – Published February 3, 2026.
- [NYRx Notice to Providers: Coverage Update Phosphate Binders/Regulators for Members on Dialysis](#) – Revised February 19, 2026.
- [NYRx Notice to Providers: Dexcom G6 Continuous Glucose Monitor \(CGM\) Systems](#) – Published February 24, 2026.
- [NYRx Notice to Providers: Duplicate Prior Authorization Requests](#) – Revised February 19, 2026.
- [NYRx Notice to Providers: Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 Receptor Agonists \(GLP-1\) and Dipeptidyl Peptidase-4 Inhibitors \(DPP-4\) Concurrent Therapy](#) – Published February 5, 2026.
- [NYRx Notice to Providers: Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs \(NSAIDs\) Concurrent Therapy](#) – Published February 18, 2026.
- [NYRx Prescription Requirements and Regulations](#) – Revised February 19, 2026.
- [NYRx Step Therapy Overview](#) – Revised February 19, 2026.
- [NYRx, the Medicaid Pharmacy Program - Brand Less Than Generic Program Webinar](#) – Revised February 19, 2026.
- [NYRx, the Medicaid Pharmacy Program - Dose Optimization Webinar](#) – Revised February 19, 2026.
- [NYRx, the Medicaid Pharmacy Program - Step Therapy Webinar](#) – Revised February 19, 2026.
- [NYRx, the Medicaid Pharmacy Program Information for Medical Residents](#) – Revised February 20, 2026.

New York State Department of Health Publications

- [Backup Power Wheelchair Repairs Code K0899-TW Reimbursement Worksheet](#) – Published February 9, 2026.
- [Brain Injury Grand Rounds Webinar Series](#) – Published March 2, 2026.
- [Guidance for Dental Providers New Requirements for Enteral and Parenteral Conscious Sedation Specialty and License Requirements for Billing for General Anesthesia](#) – Published February 17, 2026.
- [Important Pharmacy Update: Vaccine Billing Guidance](#) – Published March 2, 2026.
- [New Requirements: Reimbursement of the Dental Operating Room Facility Fee in Hospital and Freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Centers](#) – Published February 24, 2026.
- [New York State Medicaid Enteral Prior Authorization Portal Instructions](#) – Published February 9, 2026.
- [New York State Medicaid Program- Enteral Formula Prior Authorization Cancellation Request Form](#) – Revised February 27, 2026.
- [New York State Medicaid Program Enteral Nutrition Regulatory Amendment and Prior Authorization Changes](#) – Published February 11, 2026.
- [New York State Medicaid Transportation Fee Schedule](#) – Revised February 9, 2026.
- [NYRx Medicaid Pharmacy Program Pharmacy Manual Policy Guidelines](#) – Revised February 26, 2026.
- [NYRx, the Medicaid Pharmacy Program: Prior Authorization Update](#) – Published February 19, 2026.
- [NYRx, The Medicaid Pharmacy Program: Top Edit Resource](#) – Revised February 27, 2026.
- [Project TEACH: On-Site and Virtual Training by Request, Child/Adolescent Mental Health Toolkit](#) – Published March 2, 2026.
- [Provider Communication – Billing Guidance for Backup Power Wheelchair Repairs \(K0899-TW\)](#) – Published February 17, 2026.
- [Reminder: Compounded Prescriptions Policy](#) – Published March 2, 2026.
- [Reminder: NYRx Allows 90-day Prescribing for Most Maintenance Medications and OTC Drugs including Vitamin D and Folic Acid Preparations](#) – Published March 2, 2026.
- [Self-Disclosure Obligation Reminder](#) – Published March 2, 2026.
- [Updates to Wheelchair Policies](#) – Published March 2, 2026.

New York State Department of Health Press Releases

- [Governor Hochul Announces New York State Will Join World Health Organization's Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network](#) – February 10, 2026. New York State Department of Health has officially joined the World Health Organization's (WHO) Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN), strengthening the state's role in global public health preparedness and response.
- [New York State Department of Health Encourages New Yorkers To Get Vaccinated for RSV As Cases Remain High](#) – February 20, 2026. The New York State Department of Health encourages eligible New Yorkers to get vaccinated against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) as cases remain steady, and hospitalizations outpace COVID-19 and flu combined.
- [New York State Department of Health Launches Free HIV Self-Test Giveaway Campaign](#) – February 19, 2026. The New York State Department of Health is announcing the launch of the latest free HIV self-test giveaway, highlighting the importance of HIV self-testing as a tool to empower individuals to take control of their sexual health, protect

the health of their sexual partners and needle-sharing partners, and reduce the transmission of HIV.

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

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- The NYRx E&O team is available to meet with you. To request a meeting, click [here](#).