

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



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### Welcome!

As we wrap up the month of April, 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 April 23, 2026.
- [NYRx Cost Optimization Program Update](#) – Effective April 23, 2026.
- [NYRx Preferred Diabetic Agents](#) – Updated April 23, 2026.
- [NYRx Preferred Drug Quick List](#) – Updated April 23, 2026.

#### Drug Class Coverages

- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Antimigraine Agents](#) – Updated April 23, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Central Nervous System \(CNS\) Stimulants and Other Agents for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder \(ADHD\)](#) – Updated April 23, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 \(GLP-1\) Receptor Agonists - Type 2 Diabetes](#) – Updated April 23, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Immunomodulators - Systemic and Benlysta](#) – Updated April 23, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Insulin - Long-Acting](#) – Updated April 23, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Leukotriene Modifiers](#) – Updated April 23, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Opioids - Short-Acting](#) – Updated April 23, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Skeletal Muscle Relaxants](#) – Updated April 23, 2026.

#### Drug Coverages

- [NYRx Drug Coverage Overview: Albuterol HFA](#) – Updated April 23, 2026.

## Overviews

- [NYRx Preferred Drug Program Overview](#) – Updated April 23, 2026.
- [NYRx Step Therapy Overview](#) – Updated April 23, 2026.

## Webinars

- [NYR Brand Less Than Generic Program Webinar](#) – Updated April 23, 2026.
- [NYR Preferred Drug Program Webinar](#) – Updated April 23, 2026.
- [NYRx Step Therapy Webinar](#) – Updated April 23, 2026.

## New York State Department of Health Publications

- [Attention Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers: Prohibited Prior Authorization Requests](#) – Published April 1, 2026. As a reminder, third-party requests for prior authorization (PA) are prohibited; only prescribers or their authorized agent may submit a PA request.
- [New York State Medicaid Program Information for all Providers-Managed Care Information](#) – Updated April 6, 2026. Prepaid Capitation Plans (PCP) and County/District Codes.
- [New York State Medicaid Update, Volume 42, Number 3](#) – Published April 10, 2026. Reimbursement change for New York State Medicaid fee-for-service professional drug claims special edition.
- [Pharmacists as Immunizers - Quick Reference April 2026](#) – Published April 14, 2026. Best practices for accurate vaccine claim submission and to serve as a reminder of program policies. This resource goes on to describe billing vaccines by either NDC or procedure codes and answers many FAQs.

## New York State Department of Health Press Releases

- [New York State Department of Health Hosted Virtual Roundtable During Sexually Transmitted Infection Awareness Week Promoting Prevention, Treatment, and Open Conversations](#) – Published April 16, 2026. New York State, New York City, and community-based experts discuss the work being done to advance prevention strategies and reduce stigma associated with sexually transmitted infections (STIs) during STI Awareness Week.

## University of Buffalo Free 1.5 Hour On-Demand Continuing Education on Antibiotic Stewardship

- [Dental Antibiotic Stewardship: Prescribing for Prophylaxis and Intraoral Pain and Swelling](#) – This video continuing education activity is available from the Medicaid Prescriber Education Program (MPEP) and is intended to help healthcare professionals navigate the evolving recommendations for antibiotic use related to oral health care. To learn more and register, visit MPEP's [learning platform](#).

## 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](#)

## 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](#).