

## NYRx Education & Outreach Month in Review Newsletter

### June 2026



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### Welcome!

As we wrap up the month of May, 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](#) – Updated May 21, 2026.
- [NYRx Clinical Criteria Update: Ozempic® 1.5 mg and Rybelsus® 3 mg Tablets](#) – Updated May 12, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Benzodiazepines](#) – Updated May 14, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 \(GLP-1\) Receptor Agonists – Type 2 Diabetes](#) – Updated May 21, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Opioids – Long-Acting](#) – Updated May 21, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Opioids – Short-Acting](#) – Updated May 21, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Triglyceride Lowering Agents](#) – Updated May 12, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Coverage Overview: Wegovy®](#) – Updated May 21, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Utilization Review Program Overview](#) – Updated May 8, 2026.
- [NYRx Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies](#) – Updated May 21, 2026.
- [NYRx Formulary Update: Nucynta®, Nucynta ER®, and Xtampza®](#) – Updated May 21, 2026.
- [NYRx Formulary Update: Prenatal Vitamins](#) – Published May 20, 2026.
- [NYRx Notice to Providers, Pharmacies, and MCOs: Urgent Medical Device Correction – Omnipod® 5 Pods from Insulet: UPDATE](#) – Published May 12, 2026.
- [NYRx Notice to Providers: Biologic Drugs Originator vs Biosimilar](#) – Published May 20, 2026.

- [NYRx Notice to Providers: Molluscum Contagiosum and Zelsuvmi](#) – Published May 14, 2026.
- [NYRx Opioid Dependence Agents](#) – Updated May 21, 2026.
- [NYRx Reminder for Providers and Pharmacies: Electronic Prior Authorization via CoverMyMeds®](#) – Published May 12, 2026.

## New York State Department of Health Publications

- [New York State UB04 Billing Guidelines](#) – Supplemental guidelines to the [General Billing Guidelines](#) for institutional claims with the NYS Medicaid specific requirements and expectations for Personal Care and Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP) service. Published May 5, 2026.
- [Cost Optimization Program Update: Program Additions](#) – Effective June 4, 2026, NYRx, the Medicaid Pharmacy Program, is updating the Cost Optimization Program to address increasing drug costs. Updated May 28, 2026.
- [Discontinued Drug Coverage for Terminated Labelers per Medicaid National Drug Rebate Agreement](#) – The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), in compliance with Social Security Law Sec. 1927 [42 U.S.C. 1396r–8] (a), requires drug manufacturers to participate in the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program (MDRP) for their drugs to be eligible for coverage under the Medicaid program. Published May 22, 2026.
- [Edit 02332 will Pend for Manual Review for Inpatient Claims](#) – Effective June 1, 2026, eMedNY edit 02332 – Reimbursement Amount Exceeded will pend to the Department of Health (DOH) for manual review. Published May 21, 2026.

## New York State Department of Health Press Releases

- [Governor Hochul Highlights New Figures Showing Substantial Reduction in Overdose Deaths in New York State Through 2025](#) – Governor Kathy Hochul today highlighted new provisional figures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [National Vital Statistics System](#), which show a substantial reduction in overdose deaths in New York State from 2022 through 2025. The annual number of drug fatalities fell for a third year in a row and decreased by 44.9% in New York. That’s more than 5,000 lives saved. The largest reductions were seen in opioid-related deaths, which are down 51.9% since 2022. Published May 21, 2026.
- [Governor Hochul Signs Two Bills Protecting Vaccine Access for New Yorkers](#) – Governor Kathy Hochul signed two bills to safeguard access to lifesaving vaccines for New Yorkers as the Trump administration continues to undermine the scientific consensus around the safety and efficacy of immunization. Published May 15, 2026.
- [New York State Department of Health Celebrates Those Cured of Hepatitis C and Urges Testing on Hepatitis Cure Day](#) – The New York State Department of Health is celebrating Hepatitis Cure Day and the New Yorkers who have been cured of hepatitis C and encourage everyone to get tested and learn their status. In its [125-year legacy](#), New York State has been dedicated to protecting and improving the lives of New Yorkers. May 21, 2026.
- [New York State Department of Health Reaffirms Protections for Medication Abortion Access](#) – The New York State Department of Health reaffirmed its commitment to protecting reproductive freedom and ensuring continued access to safe, legal abortion care for all New Yorkers. Amid ongoing national legal challenges and continued attacks on reproductive health care access across the country, New York State remains steadfast in safeguarding access to comprehensive reproductive health services, including medication abortion provided through telehealth, mail delivery and in-person care. Published May 18, 2026.

## 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](#).