

## NYRx Education & Outreach Month in Review Newsletter

### October 2026



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### Welcome!

As we wrap up the month of September, 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

- [Notice of Upcoming Changes to the Claim Submission Process: Practitioner-Administered Drugs for Medicaid Fee-For-Service](#) – Published September 18, 2026.
- [NYRx Coverage Overview of Glucagon Like Peptide-1 Receptor Agonists](#) – Published September 21, 2026.
- [NYRx Drug Class Coverage Overview: Anti-Infectives – Topical](#) – September 14, 2026.
- [NYRx Medicaid Pharmacy Prior Authorization Programs Update](#) – Published September 14, 2026.
- [NYRx Notice to Providers: ACCRUFeR®](#) – Published September 18, 2026.
- [NYRx Notice to Providers: Acne Agents, Topical](#) – Published September 23, 2026.
- [NYRx Notice to Providers: Anti-Infectives – Topical](#) – Published Topical September 23, 2026.
- [NYRx Notice to Providers: Baclofen Solution](#) – Published September 18, 2026.
- [NYRx Notice to Providers: Enrollment Moratorium](#) – Published September 21, 2026.

#### New York State Department of Health Publications

- [Cost-Optimization Program Update: Program Additions](#) – Effective September 10, 2026, the Medicaid Pharmacy Program, is updating the Cost-Optimization Program to address increasing drug costs. Published September 16, 2026.
- [Discontinued Drug Coverage for Terminated Labelers per Medicaid National Drug Rebate Agreement](#) – Effective October 1, 2026, certain drug manufacturers voluntarily withdrew from participation in the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program. Published September 22, 2026.
- [Illegal Oral and Electronic Prescriptions Notice](#) – The New York State Department of Health has received reports of illegal oral and electronic prescriptions, including those with prior authorizations prescribed to Medicaid members from outside of the local area. Published August 31, 2026.

- [New York State Medicaid Coverage Policy and Billing Guidance for Pharmacy Providers for the 2026-2027 COVID-19 Vaccines](#) – Effective August 27, 2026, NYRx, the New York State Medicaid Drug Program, is providing coverage for the 2026-2027 formulations of the COVID-19 vaccine. Published September 14, 2026.
- [NYRx Coverage of the 2026-2027 Influenza Vaccine](#) – Effective August 1, 2026, NYRx, the New York State Medicaid Drug Program, is providing coverage for the 2026-2027 formulations of the influenza vaccine. Published September 14, 2026.
- [NYRx Medicaid Pharmacy Program Pharmacy Manual Policy Guidelines](#) – Updates to pharmacy benefit coverage, billing requirements, reimbursement policies, prior authorization processes, and provider compliance expectations for New York Medicaid services. Updated September 11, 2026.
- [NYRx, Medicaid Pharmacy Program Pharmacists as Immunizers Fact Sheet](#) – Updates to NYRx policies and billing requirements for pharmacist-administered immunizations, including vaccine eligibility, reimbursement, and claims submission procedures for Medicaid members. Revised September 14, 2026.

### New York State Department of Health Press Releases

- [New York State and New York City Health Departments Endorse 2026–2027 Respiratory Virus Season Immunization Recommendations](#) – The New York State Department of Health and the New York City Health Department today announced their endorsement of recommendations for flu, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and COVID-19 immunizations ahead of respiratory virus season. New York State and New York City health officials encourage providers to follow [Respiratory Virus Immunization Recommendations](#). Published September 10, 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](#).