

# NYS Medicaid Practitioner-Administered Drugs Frequently Asked Questions

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## 1. What do Prescribers and Pharmacists need to know about practitioner-administered drugs?

On April 1, 2023, the prescription drug benefit for all NYS Medicaid members enrolled in a Mainstream Managed Care Plan (MCP), Health, and Recovery Plan (HARP), and HIV-Special Needs Plan (HIV-SNP) was transitioned to NYRx, the Medicaid Pharmacy Program. The transition did not change the MCP's responsibility for coverage of practitioner-administered drugs (PADs). Providers should contact the MCP for details on PAD coverage criteria and billing guidance.

## 2. What is a practitioner-administered drug?

A practitioner-administered drug (PAD) is any drug provided by a health care provider and administered in a provider's office or outpatient clinical setting. To be covered by NYS Medicaid, a drug must be FDA-approved or compendia-supported to treat a Medicaid-covered indication. The drug manufacturer must also participate in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) drug rebate program.

## 3. Is there a practitioner-administered drug list available? What is the purpose of the list?

The [Practitioner Administered Drug \(PAD\) search tool](#) was developed for **fee-for-service (FFS) providers** to reference for medical billing purposes. **This list is not all-inclusive and should not be used to determine NYS Medicaid coverage exclusion.** MCPs must accept medical claims submitted by a practitioner for drugs that qualify for coverage by NYS Medicaid. MCP's may have prior authorization criteria in place for PADs.

## 4. How is a practitioner-administered drug billed?

A practitioner-administered drug (PAD) may be billed by the practitioner as a medical claim or by a pharmacy billed to the MCP. Select PADs may also be covered by the NYRx, Medicaid Pharmacy Program. Coverage of a PAD by NYRx does not exclude coverage by an MCP. It is up to the practitioner to determine how to obtain the drug. MCP must make coverage available for any drug administered by a practitioner. Prior authorization may be applied.

## 5. Where can I find more information about practitioner-administered drugs?

For more information about practitioner-administered drugs (PADs), contact the member's [MCP](#); or for fee-for-service (FFS) members, see the [New York State Medicaid Fee-for-Service Practitioner Administered Drug Policies and Billing Guidance](#).

## Resources

- [NYRx Education & Outreach Website](#)
- [NYRx Medicaid Pharmacy List of Reimbursable Drugs](#)
- [NYRx The New York Pharmacy Program, Provider Manual](#)
- [Physician-Administered Drug \(PAD\) Search Tool](#)
- [Scope of Benefits](#)

## Contact Information

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