

Notice of Upcoming Changes to the Claim Submission Process: Practitioner-Administered Drugs for Medicaid Fee-For-Service

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What Is Happening?

Practitioner Administered Drugs (PADs) are covered outpatient drugs administered in the practitioner's office or other outpatient clinical setting. Beginning in November 2026, NYRx, the Medicaid Drug Program, will be implementing prior authorization (PA) using an iterative, phased approach for select PADs for members with Fee-For-Service (FFS) medical coverage. This effort will create parity for clinical editing and utilization management across the NYRx Medicaid Drug Programs. Each phase, along with the impacted drugs and clinical criteria, will be announced and shared proactively to ensure a smooth transition for FFS providers.

In addition, the pricing benchmarks used to determine the maximum reimbursable amount for drugs in this setting will be changing. Detailed information about these changes can be found in the [New York State Medicaid Update - March 2026 Reimbursement Change for New York State Medicaid Fee-for-Service Professional Drug Claims Special Edition Volume 42 - Number 3](#). Further communications, including effective dates, resources, and educational events, will be coming soon.

Note: These changes do not apply to members who receive their medical benefits through Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs).

What Prescribers and Billing Staff Need to Do

Prescribers and billing staff are affected by this change and will need to update processes for claim submission and PA requests for their New York Medicaid FFS members. Prescribers and billing staff should also be aware of pricing benchmarks and reimbursement changes.

The NYRx Education & Outreach (E&O) team, in partnership with NYSDOH, will be providing additional information and resources to support prescribers and billing staff with these changes. There will also be targeted outreach to prescribers who have a recent claim for an impacted PAD to notify them of this change. To stay up to date with resources from the NYRx E&O team, subscribe to the [NYRx Education & Outreach Notification Service](#).

Resources

- [New York State Medicaid Update - March 2026 Reimbursement Change for New York State Medicaid Fee-for-Service Professional Drug Claims Special Edition Volume 42 - Number 3](#)
- [NYRx Education & Outreach Website](#)
- [NYRx Preferred Drug Lists](#)

Contact Information

The NYRx Education & Outreach Call Center is available by phone at 1-833-967-7310 or by email at NYRxEO@primetherapeutics.com from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM ET, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

For questions related to New York State Medicaid FFS billing or claims, call the eMedNY Call Center at 1-800-343-9000.

For questions related to New York State Medicaid FFS drug policy, email NYRx@health.ny.gov.