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Dear Prescriber:

Beginning on **April 1, 2023**, the pharmacy benefit for New York Medicaid Managed Care members will be transitioned to NYRx, the Medicaid Pharmacy Program. This change applies to all mainstream Managed Care Plans (MCPs), including Health and Recovery Plans (HARPS) and HIV Special Needs Plans (HIV SNPS). For more information about the Pharmacy Benefit Transition please visit:

https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/mrt2/pharmacy_transition/

With this change, Medicaid Managed Care members will be subject to the NYRx Preferred Drug Program (PDP) and the NYRx Preferred Diabetic Supply Program (PDSP). The NYRx PDP and PDSP promote the use of less expensive, equally effective prescription drugs and diabetic supplies when medically appropriate.

Under the PDP all drugs currently available to Medicaid members remain available. No action is required by you when prescribing preferred drugs unless otherwise indicated on the **Preferred Drug List found here:** https://newyork.fhsc.com/downloads/providers/NYRx_PDP_PDL.pdf. **Medicaid Managed Care members not currently on a preferred drug in the NYRx PDP will need to be transitioned to a preferred product.**

Non-preferred drugs require prior authorization (PA). For more information on the PDP please visit: https://newyork.fhsc.com/providers/pdp_about.asp

Under the PDSP Medicaid Managed Care members not currently on a preferred diabetic supply in the NYRx PDSP will need to be transitioned to a preferred product. **Information regarding the PDSP can be found here:** <https://newyork.fhsc.com/providers/diabeticsupplies.asp>

To obtain a PA, providers may contact the **Magellan Rx Management clinical call center at 1-877-309-9493 and select option "2" for prescriber.** The clinical call center is available 24 hours per day, seven days per week and is staffed with pharmacy technicians and pharmacists available to assist providers in quickly obtaining a PA. Fax request are permitted for most drugs. Completed prior authorization forms should be sent to 1-800-268-2990. Fax requests may take up to 24 hours to process. Prior authorization forms and references are available online at https://newyork.fhsc.com/providers/PA_forms.asp

If you would like to be notified of changes to the NYRx Medicaid pharmacy program, you may request to be added to the email distribution list at: <https://newyork.fhsc.com/providers/notify.asp>.

If you have questions about the Medicaid PDP, PDSP, clinical criteria or how to obtain a PA, please contact Magellan Rx Management at 1-877-309-9493. For other questions about the Medicaid Pharmacy program please contact Medicaid Pharmacy Policy at 518-486-3209 or email NYRx@health.ny.gov.

Thank you for your continued support and assistance in providing a smooth transition for NYS Medicaid Managed Care members.

Sincerely,

NYRx, The Medicaid Pharmacy Program