

ATTENTION FEE FOR SERVICE PRESCRIBERS

BRAND LESS THAN GENERIC PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for Brand Less than Generic Program:

• **Q:** Do brand name drugs included in this program require 'Dispense as Written' (DAW) or 'Brand Medically Necessary' on the prescription.

A: No

• **Q:** Is this program in conformance with New York State Education Law regarding generic substitution?

A: Yes, generic substitution intends that a less costly alternative be dispensed; brand name drugs included in this program have a generic co-payment and are less costly for the state.

• **Q:** What DAW code does the pharmacy need to use when submitting a claim for a drug that is included *in this program*?

A: Reimbursement does not require the submission of a particular DAW code. Acceptable values for the Dispense As Written/Product Selection code are as follows:

0 = No product selection

1 = Substitution not allowed by prescriber*

4 = Substitution allowed - Generic Drug not in stock

5 = Substitution allowed - Brand Drug dispensed as a Generic

7 = Substitution not allowed - Brand Drug mandated by Law

8 = Substitution allowed - Generic Drug not available in the Marketplace

9 = Substitution allowed by Prescriber – Plan Request Brand

*Claims should only be submitted with a DAW code of '1' when the prescriber indicates in handwriting or by electronic means 'Dispense as Written' (DAW) and 'Brand Medically Necessary' on the prescription.

• **Q:** Will the patient need to obtain a new prescription if the drug is removed from the Dispense Brand Drugs When Less Expensive Program?

A: No. A new prescription is not required if the generic alternative becomes the more cost effective option.