



Medicaid Fee- for- Service Providers Dispense Brand Name Drug when Less Expensive than Generic Program

Effective **7/22/2021**, the following changes will be made to the Dispense Brand Name Drug when Less Expensive than the Generic Program:

- **Amitiza, Azopt ophthalmic drops and Depakote Sprinkle** will be **ADDED** to the program.
- **Sensipar** has been **REMOVED** from the program.

In conformance with State Education Law which intends that patients receive the lower cost alternative, brand name drugs included in this program:

- **Do not require ‘Dispense as Written’ (DAW) or ‘Brand Medically Necessary’ on the prescription.**
- Have a generic copayment.
- Are paid at the Brand Name Drug reimbursement rate or usual and customary price, whichever is lower (SMAC/FUL are not applied).
- Do not require a new prescription if the drug is removed from this program.

IMPORTANT BILLING INFORMATION

Pursuant to this program prescription claims submitted to the Medicaid program **do not require** the submission of Dispense as Written/Product Selection Code of ‘1’; **Pharmacies should submit DAW code 9** (Substitution Allowed by Prescriber but Plan Requests Brand). Pharmacies will receive a NCPDP reject response of “22” which means missing/invalid DAW code if other DAW codes are submitted. The only exception to this, is DAW code 1 and “*Brand Medically Necessary*” on the prescription.

List of Brand Name Drugs included in this program* (updated 7/1/2021)

Advair Diskus	Depakote Sprinkle	Rapamune solution
Alphagan P 0.15%	Diclegis	Retin-A cream
Amitiza	Exelon Patch	Suboxone film
Androgel pump & packets	Firvanq**	Symbicort
Apriso	Focalin XR	Tecfidera
Azopt	Humalog U100 vial & 50-50 KwikPen	Tegretol suspension
Bethkis	Kitabis Pak	Tracleer tablet
Catapres-TTS	Lialda**	Transderm-Scop
Cellcept suspension	Mitigare	Xeloda
Ciprodex	Novolog 100u/ml FlexPen & vial, Mix 70/30 FlexPen	Zovirax cream
Concerta**	Nuvaring	
Copaxone 20mg	ProAir HFA	

*List is subject to change **Firvanq added as a result of 11/5/2020 [DURB recommendation](#)

Please keep in mind that drugs in this program may be subject to prior authorization requirements of other pharmacy programs, promoting the use of the most cost-effective product.