

October 19, 2020

## Formulary Change: Medicaid Managed Care and Personal Wellness Plan Members

Applies to: Medicaid

Beginning **April 1, 2021** instructed by the New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH), Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) plans will be moving the pharmacy benefit into the New York State Fee-for-Service (FFS) program. NYS DOH requires MMCs to align with their formularies by October 1, 2020.

As required by the DOH, the following categories are subject to plan exclusions:

- Drug(s)/Classes excluded per policy, state plan amendment, and/or state or federal legislation
  - Agents when used to promote fertility\*
- Agents when used for cosmetic purposes or hair growth
- Agents when used for anorexia, weight loss, or weight gain
- Agents when used for the treatment of sexual or erectile dysfunction\*
- Agents when used for the symptomatic relief of cough and colds\*
- Prescription vitamins and mineral products\*
- Non-prescription drugs (OTC)\*
- Prescription drugs not included in the Federal Rebate Program
- Drugs classified as DESI (drug efficacy study implementation) that have not been proven to be effective by the FDA
- Physician administered drugs (will be transitioned to medical benefit)
- Medicaid pharmacy benefits

\*Certain exceptions may apply.

These changes may require a shift to a drug on the preferred drug list.

**We request that you advise Healthfirst members to use drugs on the Healthfirst preferred drug list whenever clinically appropriate. [Updated formularies are available here.](#)** The DOH resources provide specific drug codes for what is covered.

# Provider Alert

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## Resources

- [FFS formulary](#)
- [Product Data for Drugs in the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program](#)
- [Pharmacy Carve Out](#)

## Questions?

- Should you have any questions, you may contact your network representative, or call Provider Services at **1-888-801-1660**, Monday to Friday, 8:30am–5:30pm.
- If your Healthfirst patient has any questions, please instruct them to call Customer Care (Medicaid members: **1-855-298-2485** [TTY 1-800-863-5488]; Personal Wellness Plan members: **1-888-790-4272** [TTY 1-800-863-5488]). Hours of operation are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week).