

Frequently Asked Questions for Drug Manufacturers

Q: How can a drug manufacturer find out if drug products are covered by Michigan Medicaid?

A: To determine if a drug product is covered by Michigan Medicaid log onto the First Health Services Corporation (FHSC) Michigan website at www.michigan.fhsc.com >> Providers >> Drug Information >> MPPL and Coverage Information. Review the "MPPL Introduction" and the "MPPL and Coverage Information" document to see if the products are listed.

*Note: The Michigan Pharmaceutical Product List (MPPL) lists each covered drug product **only once, regardless** of the number of manufacturers that produce the drug product. The drug product is listed by its generic name, strength, and dosage form. The innovator brand product is listed in the "Brand Reference" column. An updated MPPL is published on approximately the first day of each month.*

Q: How does Michigan Medicaid determine the coverage of new drug products?

A: New drug products are required to be reviewed by the Pharmacy and Therapeutic (P&T) Committee. Most drug products are required to be on the market for six months prior to review. Products with a "priority" U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) rating may be reviewed earlier than the six month requirement.

Q: How does Michigan Medicaid determine the coverage of new generics?

A: New generic equivalents are automatically covered if the:

1. Innovator product is currently covered.
2. Manufacturer is a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) approved rebate manufacturer.

Q: Does Michigan Medicaid have different coverage parameters for innovators and generics?

A: The same coverage parameters that apply to the innovator product will apply the generic product.

Q: How does a drug manufacturer notify Michigan Medicaid that it has new drug product(s) available?

A: All drug products must be reported to First Databank. Michigan Medicaid receives and reviews weekly drug files from First Databank, so a drug manufacturer **does not** have to notify Michigan Medicaid of its new drug product(s).

Q: How does a drug manufacturer determine if its drug product(s) have been reviewed by the P&T Committee?

A: The P&T Committee meeting minutes, meeting schedule, and agendas are available online at www.michigan.fhsc.com >> Committees >> P&T Committee.

Q: My drug product was reviewed at the last P&T Committee meeting and approved for coverage, but is not listed in the MPPL?

A: P&T Committee decisions may take up to 8 weeks to show up on the MPPL after P and T review.

Q. Are new DRUG products covered before they are reviewed for formulary coverage by the P&T Committee?

A. Patient specific nonformulary prior authorization is available for new drug products that from an approved labeler with a signed CMS agreement before they are reviewed for formulary coverage by the P&T Committee.

Additional questions can be submitted to the following e-mail address: MDCHPharmacyServices@michigan.gov