

# Ohio Department of Medicaid Unified Preferred Drug List

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# Unified Preferred Drug List: An Overview

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM), in partnership with the Medicaid managed care plans (MCPs), has created a unified preferred drug list (UPDL). The goals of this initiative include:

- Reducing administrative burden for providers by simplifying and streamlining the prescribing and prior authorization processes.
- Allowing for a standard process across Ohio Medicaid fee-for-service and the Managed Care Plans (MCPs) to support population health initiatives.
- Clinical coordination of care for Ohio's Medicaid population.
- Minimizing member movement across MCPs.
- Starting January 1, 2020, all Ohio Medicaid MCPs will prefer the same medications and use the same prior authorization criteria for all drug categories on the UPDL.
- Maximize collection of federal and supplemental rebates and ensure that all supplemental rebates are sent directly to ODM and are not retained by the Medicaid MCPs or its Pharmacy Benefits Manager.

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## Details about ODM's UPDL:

- A preferred drug list is a list of medications that are covered without the need to request a prior authorization.
- Medicaid programs are permitted to implement PDLs based upon Section 1927 of the Social Security Act.
- In Medicaid, a Unified Preferred Drug List requires that Medicaid managed care plans (MCPs) follow the same drug coverage as the Medicaid Fee-for-Service program.
- Some MCP members may have to change their current drugs or get prior approval from their MCP to stay on their current drugs.
- Individuals on drugs in the following categories will be eligible for grandfathering provisions, including but not limited to: HIV, Hepatitis C, Anticonvulsants, Antidepressants, Antipsychotics, Hemophilia, Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension, Alzheimer's, Multiple Sclerosis.
- This change will affect Medicaid beneficiaries in Ohio. This change does not apply to members who receive *both* Medicaid and Medicare benefits (also called Medicaid MyCare).

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## Details about ODM's UPDL:

- The Unified PDL may be found at <https://pharmacy.medicaid.ohio.gov/unified-pdl>
- For any questions regarding the UPDL or for more information, please contact [MEDICAID\\_PHARMACY@medicaid.ohio.gov](mailto:MEDICAID_PHARMACY@medicaid.ohio.gov).