



August 14, 2020

RE: Alaska Medicaid Pharmacy Update 8/14/2020

Alaska Medicaid Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee Meeting

[Notice of Public Meeting](#)

State of Alaska
Department of Health & Social Services

Division of Health Care Services

The Division will be sponsoring the following meeting to address the Preferred Drug List.

The Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee will meet Friday, September 18, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.; consistent with COVID safety measures, this meeting will be held via teleconference only. Agendas are posted on the Health Care Services Preferred Drug List Program Overview [website](#). If you would like to join via teleconference, please dial 1.800.315.6338, use access code 24251#.

Any pharmaceutical manufacturer may submit unsolicited material related to the agenda items by utilizing the [Clinical Submission form](#). Clinical Submissions will be accepted until September 4, 2020 at 4:00pm AK local time.

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Individuals with disabilities who need special accommodations in order to participate should contact [Charles Semling](#) at 907.334.2458 no later than 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 16, 2020.

Alaska Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Committee Meeting

[Notice of Public Meeting](#)

State of Alaska
Department of Health & Social Services

Division of Health Care Services

The Division will be sponsoring the following meeting to address the Drug Utilization Review.

The Drug Utilization Review Committee will meet Friday, September 18, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.; consistent with COVID safety measures, this meeting will be held via teleconference only. Agendas are posted on the Health Care Services Drug Utilization [website](#). If you would like to join via teleconference, please dial 1.800.315.6338, use access code 24251#.

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Alaska Medicaid Pharmacy Public Health Emergency Regulations

[Online Public Notice of Proposed Changes \[Regulations\]](#)

Please click on the link for information on how to comment on proposed regulations and for the comment receipt deadline date. Proposed regulations are specific to declared Public Health Emergency (PHE) periods.

Online Public Notice site to subscribe to public notice postings:
<https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Default.aspx>

Alaska Medicaid Pharmacist and Pharmacy Professional Group Continued Training Opportunities

Training sessions originally scheduled for Aug 17, 2020 have been rescheduled to the following dates due to low registration; new training dates are listed below:

- Pharmacist Billing, Monday, Aug 24 from 10am – 12pm AKDT
- Pharmacist Billing (Tribal-focused), Tuesday, Aug 25 from 9am – 11am AKDT.

Additional pharmacy-targeted training sessions will be made available in September. For updates to schedules of available training sessions, refer to the [Alaska Medicaid Learning Portal](#). Pharmacists are not restricted to pharmacy-focused trainings and are encouraged to attend other available trainings; schedules may be found on the [Alaska](#)

[Medicaid Learning Portal](#). Pharmacists and provider enrollment administrators may register for training sessions by emailing the [registration form](#) to DL-AK-Learn@conduent.com.

If you or your organization has not attended a *Pharmacist Enrollment* training session and have not been assigned an enrollment window, please contact [Erin Narus](#) no later than Friday, Aug 21 to ensure your pharmacy is placed on the enrollment schedule to allow for sufficient time to complete enrollment prior to seasonal influenza vaccination season. Pharmacies who opt to not separately enroll as a Pharmacy Professional Group and choose to continue to provide vaccinations through a collaborative practice arrangement retain that choice.

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Alaska Medicaid Pharmacy System Updates

The Alaska Medicaid pharmacy claims adjudication system updated 8/10/2020 with the following changes:

- Professional Dispensing Fee PHE adjustment
 - On-the-Road [7 AAC 145.410(a)(1)]
 - Off-the-Road [7 AAC 145.410(a)(2)]