

**Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
 Questions about the MCO Common Formulary
 Stakeholder Meeting – October 9, 2017**

1.	Are medical benefit drugs listed on the MPPL?	<i>Neither the MPPL nor the Medicaid Health Plan Common Formulary list medical benefit drugs. Medical benefit drugs are drugs that are billed on the professional or institutional claim format and are administered by a health care provider in a clinic, office or outpatient hospital. The MPPL and Medicaid Health Plan Common Formulary list drugs that are typically covered as a pharmacy benefit. A pharmacy benefit includes drugs billed by a retail pharmacy or other outpatient pharmacy that the individual either self-administers or is safely administered in the home setting by a trained family member or caregiver.</i>
2.	How are vaccines covered?	<i>Vaccines are identified in the cover pages of the Medicaid Health Plan Common Formulary as a medical benefit that are therefore not listed in the formulary. Although they are a medical benefit plans may be less restrictive and also cover them as a pharmacy benefit. Please always refer to the individual health plan formulary for more details.</i>
3.	Is delivery device and operational function of a product considered when evaluating inhaled medications for the Common Formulary? What about devices that require training?	<i>When special consideration of ability/training to use a device must be considered for a specific patient the individual plan will consider that as part of the medical exception review.</i>
4.	There was a question raised about the future sustainability of the Common Formulary, including 1) Any comments on current hurdles? 2) Are clinical and/or financial outcomes being evaluated?	<i>The Common Formulary was just fully implemented one year ago. The Workgroup is now in the process of performing annual drug class evaluations which include comprehensive clinical evaluation and financial impact considerations. At this time the Department doesn't have concerns about the sustainability of the Common Formulary.</i>
5.	Are you working on a Common Formulary for specialty/biologic products?	<i>There is no project for a Common Formulary for specialty/biologic drugs at this time.</i>
6.	Is the Managed Care Health Plan Common Formulary saving taxpayer dollars?	<i>There has not been an evaluation of cost savings of this type. The goal of the Medicaid Health Plan Common Formulary was, and remains, to relieve provider burden and to improve continuity of care. It came about to address medical community concerns around the need to streamline drug coverage policies for Medicaid and Healthy Michigan Plan members and providers.</i>

7.	Does the State have influence to assure pharma has access to the Health Plans?	<i>The Department has not changed this process. Pharma can continue to meet with the Health Plans prior to the Workgroup meetings as well as provide Public Comment to the Department quarterly. Public Comments that are received are shared with the Workgroup members.</i>
8.	Is there transparency, like availability of the names of the Therapeutic Sub-Groups/Working Committee members reviewing drug classes?	<i>There is a random assignment of sub-groups which consist of two or three plans who are assigned to present their drug class review to the Workgroup. There is not a list published since there is an ongoing rotation of the assignments. Information provided through Public Comment is shared with all of the sub-groups and entire Workgroup for them to consider when voting on recommendations.</i>
9.	Is there guidance on who to contact or forward information to for medications covered under medical benefit side of the plan for both FFS and the Medicaid Managed Care Health Plans?	<i>The Department is currently in the process of updating its website to further clarify medical benefit coverage for the FFS program. This includes the identification of Medicaid Health Plan medical benefit carve outs. Questions regarding FFS medical benefit questions can be directed to MSAPolicy@Michigan.gov.</i>
10.	Continuity of care has been mentioned between Medicaid Managed Care Health Plans – What about continuity of care between FFS Medicaid to the Medicaid Managed Care Health Plans since members are transitioned to Medicaid Managed Care?	<i>The Medicaid Health Plan Common Formulary was created to provide continuity between the Health Plans. The Medicaid Health Plans do consider transition of care coverage requests for members newly enrolled into managed care.</i>
11.	Hemophilia drugs are Carved-Out now, is there any discussion to carve them back in?	<i>The Department explained that it is unlikely that clotting factor will be carved back in due to the small population that is spread throughout the state. These variables make it difficult for rate setting purposes.</i>

12.	<p>Is there any consideration of opening the Medicaid Health Plan Common Formulary Workgroup meetings or posting the meeting minutes?</p>	<p><i>At this time the Department is not considering making the Workgroup meetings open to the public, however the Department strongly encourages public comment from stakeholders. Public Comment is provided to the Workgroup members prior to each meeting for their consideration. The results of the Workgroup meetings are then posted on the website, both at the beginning of the Medicaid Health Plan Common Formulary, and in the link History of Formulary Changes. Please check the website for Department approved changes. Additionally, the Department remains committed to an annual in-person meeting with stakeholders.</i></p>
13.	<p>Where can someone sign up for Public Comment notification?</p>	<p><i>If you would like to receive the quarterly Public Comment notices please subscribe to the Medicaid ListServ. The subscription instructions are found here: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/LISTSERV_127789_7.pdf. Please select either "Medicaid – Pharmacy" or "Medicaid – MHP" under the Medicaid Services section. This subscription-based e-mail service notifies subscribers of important news relative to the Michigan Medicaid Program, including Public Comment notices.</i></p>