



ADVISORY

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Brand vs Generic (DAW6) Changes to Maryland Medicaid's Preferred Drug List (PDL)

Effective August 25, 2022:

- **Brand Daytrana (methylphenidate transdermal) will be preferred over the generic equivalent.** Claims for the brand Daytrana must be submitted with DAW 6 code. A Maryland Department of Health (MDH) MedWatch form will not be required. Claims with any other DAW code will reject.
- **Focalin XR Brand is no longer preferred** over the respective generic equivalent. Claims for the brand will now adjudicate only if there is a prior authorization based on an approved Maryland Department of Health (MDH) MedWatch form:
<https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/pap/docs/PA%20Forms/Maryland%20Medwatch%20Form.pdf>
- **The following insulin Brands will no longer be preferred** over respective generic equivalents:
Humalog Jr Kwikpens, Humalog Mix Kwikpens, Humalog vials, Humalog Kwikpens.
Novolog cartridges/penfils, Novolog mix pen, Novolog mix vials, Novolog pens, and Novolog vials.

In an effort to give timely notice to the pharmacy community concerning important pharmacy topics, the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Office of Pharmacy Services (OPS) has developed the **Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program Advisory**.

To expedite information timely to the pharmacy and prescriber communities, an email network has been established which incorporates the email lists of the Maryland Pharmacists Association, EPIC, CARE, Long Term Care Consultants, headquarters of all chain drugstores and prescriber associations and organizations.

It is our hope that the information is disseminated to all interested parties. If you have not received this email through any of the previously noted parties or via MDH, please contact the OPS representative at 410-767-1455.

Claims for the brand will now adjudicate only if there is a prior authorization based on an approved Maryland Department of Health (MDH) MedWatch form:

<https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/pap/docs/PA%20Forms/Maryland%20Medwatch%20Form.pdf>

If any problems are encountered during the online claim adjudication, contact Conduent 24-hour Help Desk at 800-932-3918 for additional system overrides related to the use of the correct DAW code (for example, if there is other primary insurance).

Please refer to our website for the Preferred Drug List (PDL), and Brand Preferred over Generics List: <https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/pap/pages/Preferred-Drug-List.aspx>

All Advisories are available online on MDH's web link at:

<https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/pap/Pages/Provider-Advisories.aspx>