

**Guide to Edits included in the New York Medicaid Program 29-I Health Facility BILLING**  
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Update Made	Updated Text	Location
Added procedure code for multiplex testing	<p>Added procedure code <b>87637</b> at a 29-I Health Facility fee of <b>\$142.63</b> with the following description:</p> <p>Multiplex test: Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), influenza virus types a and b, and respiratory syncytial virus, multiplex amplified probe technique.</p>	Pg. 36 & 58
Updated Pharmacy/ durable Medical Equipment guidance	<p>Removed the following language (in strikethrough):</p> <p><del>The State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021 Enacted Budget transitioned the Medicaid pharmacy benefit from Managed Care to fee for service. <b>Per the SFY 2022 Enacted Budget, this transition of the Medicaid pharmacy benefit from Medicaid Managed Care to the Fee for Service (FFS) Program has been delayed by two years, until April 1, 2023.</b></del></p> <p><del>Medicaid Managed Care (MC) members (Mainstream, Health and Recovery Plan (HARP) and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Special Needs Plan (SNP) will continue to receive their pharmacy benefits through their MC plan until April 1, 2023.</del></p> <p><del><b>Through June 30, 2021,</b> 29 I Health Facilities will continue to cover the cost of prescription drugs (except those that are covered under the Foster Care Drug Carve Out list) and durable medical equipment under the Medicaid per diem. Effective July 1, 2021, the Foster Care Drug Carve Out list will no longer apply, and all covered pharmacy and equipment benefits will be billed by the pharmacy or equipment provider to the plan or Medicaid FFS, depending on the child’s enrollment status.</del></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>• For members who are enrolled in managed care: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>○ Pharmaceuticals and equipment will no longer be billed to the VFCA.</del></li> <li><del>○ Pharmaceuticals and pharmacy procedure codes and medical supplies included in the Medicaid Managed Care/HIV Special Needs Plan/Health and Recovery Plan Model Contract Benefit Package will be billed by the pharmacy or equipment provider to the Medicaid Managed Care plan.</del></li> <li><del>○ Pharmacies and Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Managed Care network providers <b>must be enrolled in the FFS program as billing providers in order to continue to serve children in the care of VFCAs who transition to Manage Care.</b></del></li> <li><del>○ More information on the Managed Care Pharmacy benefit can be found here: <a href="https://mmedruginformation.nysdoh.suny.edu/">https://mmedruginformation.nysdoh.suny.edu/</a>.</del></li> </ul> </del></li> <li><del>• For members remaining in Medicaid FFS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>○ Pharmaceuticals and equipment will no longer be billed to the VFCA.</del></li> <li><del>○ The Foster Care Drug Carve Out list will no longer apply. All</del></li> </ul> </del></li> </ul> <p>Pharmaceuticals and <a href="#">pharmacy procedure codes and medical supplies</a></p> <p>And replaced with the following:</p>	Pg. 37 & 38

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	<p>Beginning April 1, 2023, Medicaid members enrolled in a MMCP, including children/youth placed in foster care, Health and Recovery Plans (HARPs), and HIV-Special Needs Plans (SNPs) will have their pharmacy benefits transitioned to NYRx, the Medicaid Pharmacy program, formerly known as the Medicaid fee-for-service pharmacy program. The transition will not apply to members enrolled in Child Health Plus.</p> <p>Most drugs currently covered by the MC plans will continue to be covered by NYRx however, some drugs may require prior authorization.</p> <p>The NYRx Pharmacy Benefit includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• covered outpatient prescription and over the counter (OTC) drugs that are listed on the eMedNY “Medicaid Pharmacy List of Reimbursable Drugs” located at: <a href="https://www.emedny.org/info/formfile.aspx">https://www.emedny.org/info/formfile.aspx</a>; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ More information on NYRx Pharmacy benefits, including the NYRx Formulary and a link to the Preferred Drug Program can be found at: <a href="https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/pharmacy.htm">https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/pharmacy.htm</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• pharmacist administered vaccines and supplies, such as enteral and parenteral nutrition, family planning, and medical/surgical supplies, listed in the <i>New York State Medicaid Program Pharmacy Procedure Codes</i> document found at: <a href="https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/Pharmacy/PDFS/Pharmacy_Procedure_Codes.pdf">https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/Pharmacy/PDFS/Pharmacy_Procedure_Codes.pdf</a></li> <li>• services related to COVID-19, including testing, with pharmacy-specific guidance found at: <a href="https://health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/covid19/guidance/index.htm">https://health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/covid19/guidance/index.htm</a></li> </ul> <p>Additional Information and Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Providers must be enrolled in NYS Medicaid to provide services to Medicaid members.</b> For information regarding provider enrollment, visit: <a href="https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/HowDoIDo.pdf">https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/HowDoIDo.pdf</a>.</li> <li>• For more information regarding the April 2023 transition of the pharmacy benefit <b>transition</b> <del>carve-out</del> from NYS Managed Care to FFS <b>NYRx</b>, visit: <a href="https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/mrt2/pharmacy_transition">https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/mrt2/pharmacy_transition</a>.</li> <li>• Policy questions can be directed to the Medicaid Pharmacy Policy unit at (518) 486-3209 or by emailing <a href="mailto:ppno@health.ny.gov">ppno@health.ny.gov</a> or <a href="mailto:nyrx@health.ny.gov">nyrx@health.ny.gov</a></li> </ul>	
Added information regarding	<p>Added the following information regarding CHPlus enrollees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children/youth placed in foster care who do not qualify for Medicaid due to immigration status will be enrolled in CHPlus.</li> </ul>	Pg. 43, 44, & 71

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CHPlus enrollees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHPlus plans will reimburse for Core Limited Health-Related Services provided by 29-I Health Facilities in their networks.</li> <li>CHPlus plans will reimburse 29-I Health Facilities in their networks for Other Limited Health-Related Services that are covered under the child/youth's CHPlus plan.</li> </ul> <p>Additionally added information to Appendix G: Coverage for Populations Outside of Foster Care to indicate <b>that CHPlus pays for covered OLHRs, as applicable and that CHPlus pays per diem for days enrollee is placed with 29-I.</b></p>	
Updated Appendix H to reflect pharmacy transition	<p>Replaced the following text:  <del>Pharmaceuticals not listed on the Foster Care Drug Carve-Out must be paid for by the 29-I Health Facilities out of the Medicaid residual per diem. Pharmacies should bill Medicaid FFS directly for pharmaceuticals on the Foster Care Drug Carve-Out list. The associated drug carve-out list can be located at:</del>            With the following text to indicate that these services are not included in the Medicaid Residual Per Diem for Core Limited Health-Related Services:  <b>No.</b></p>	Pg. 74
Updated Appendix H to reflect pharmacy transition	<p>Made update to indicate that non-prescription drugs are no longer included in the Medicaid Residual Per Diem for Core Limited Health-Related Services.</p>	Pg. 74