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Prescription drugs covered by Medicaid Health Plans is topic of October meeting

LANSING, Mich. – The public is invited to attend an Oct. 7 meeting regarding the list of prescription drugs covered under Michigan’s Medicaid Health Plans.

This list is known as the Managed Care Organizations Common Formulary.

The annual Michigan Medicaid Health Plan common formulary stakeholder meeting will be from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the Lansing Community College West Campus Auditorium, 5708 Cornerstone Drive in Delta Township near Lansing.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services in 2016 created the common formulary to streamline drug coverage policies for Medicaid and Healthy Michigan Plan beneficiaries and providers. The common formulary is required in state law and in the Medicaid Health Plan contract to ensure that prescription drugs are common across all contracted Medicaid Health Plans. Health plans may be less restrictive – but not more restrictive – than the coverage in the common formulary.

The purpose of the stakeholder meeting is to provide an annual in-person forum for the public, stakeholders and interested parties to comment on the prescription list. The forum is in addition to the quarterly written public comment periods.

“It is important for Medicaid and Healthy Michigan Plan beneficiaries to have the opportunity to comment on whether prescription drugs on the common formulary list will meet their health needs,” said Kate Massey, MDHHS senior deputy director for Medical Services Administration and Medicaid director. “We welcome their participation in this public meeting and look forward to hearing their insight – as well as feedback from providers and other stakeholders.”

Anyone who plans to attend should notify krepsd@michigan.gov no later than Sept. 27. Find more information, including the list of covered prescription drugs, at michigan.gov/MCOpharmacy.

Anyone unable to attend can submit questions or comments to the Common Formulary mailbox at MDHHSCommonFormulary@michigan.gov.

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