

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois
Blue Cross Community ICPSM and FHPSM
Medicaid Drug Rebate Exclusion List

Effective October 1, 2014, Prescriptions submitted for drugs by manufacturers that have not signed a rebate agreement with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will no longer be covered. Prime will deny claims at the point of sale for manufacturers not listed on the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) Pharmaceutical Labelers with Signed Rebate Agreements Listing. Prime will review the HFS's Pharmaceutical Labelers Listing and will adjust the coverage of these manufacturers as they become properly listed with the HFS.

Covered non-drug items such as needles, syringes, diabetic testing supplies, lancets and ostomy items may be dispensed irrespective of the labeler, whether or not the labeler has signed a rebate agreement with the federal government.

Action Required:

If a claim is submitted with an NDC for a manufacturer not on the Pharmaceutical Labelers with Signed Rebate Agreements Listing, it will reject with the following point-of-sale rejection messages:

- NCPDP Reject Code 70: "Prod/Service Not Covered"
- Secondary Message: "LABELER HAS NOT SIGNED A FEDERAL REBATE CONTRACT. PLEASE SUBSTITUTE A SIGNED LABELER PRODUCT OR CALL 855-457-0173"
<http://www.hfs.illinois.gov/pharmacy/>

If a claim rejection is received at the point of sale, the Participating Pharmacy must dispense an alternate NDC to avoid disruption for the Covered Person. Transition benefits will not apply for the Covered Person if the manufacturer is not on the Pharmaceutical Labelers with Signed Rebate Agreements Listing.

If you have questions regarding claims processing, please contact Prime's Contact Center at 888.457.0173.