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**Nevada Medicaid Web Announcement 3916**

**Attention Nevada Medicaid Providers Who Prescribe, Dispense, Or Administer Drugs:**

**Nevada Medicaid has transitioned to a Single Preferred Drug List (sPDL)**

As of January 1, 2026, Nevada Medicaid has transitioned to a Single Preferred Drug List (sPDL) to create a more consistent and streamlined approach to medication coverage. This change reflects Nevada Medicaid's mission in ensuring Nevadans have equitable access to medications, promoting cost-effective prescribing, and enhancing the overall quality of care.

**What is the sPDL?**

The Nevada Medicaid Single Preferred Drug List, or sPDL, is a list of medications that Nevada Medicaid designates as preferred, encouraging providers to select these medications over others within the same therapeutic class. These preferred medications are chosen because they are proven safe, effective, and cost-efficient. The sPDL is used statewide, which means every Medicaid plan follows the same list.

**What does the sPDL Include?**

- Select Outpatient Prescription Drugs
- Select Physician-Administered Drugs
- Diabetic Supplies

**Why it Matters?**

- **Consistency:** For members, prescribers and pharmacies. All Nevada Medicaid plans follow the same list.
- **Reduced Administrative Burden:** Providers can reference a single, unified drug list with consistent clinical criteria, rather than navigating multiple plan-specific formularies.
- **Better Continuity of Care:** Recipients can usually continue their medications when switching plans, provided the drug is included on the sPDL. Non-preferred options remain available but may require prior authorization.

**Legacy Coverage Phase:** This is a temporary period (from January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026) during which Nevada Medicaid members may continue receiving their current medications, even if those medications are now non-preferred on the sPDL.

The purpose of this period is to:

- Give members time to switch to a preferred medication, if appropriate, without abruptly losing access to their current one.
- Allow providers time to review changes and update treatment plans when appropriate.
- Prevent disruptions in care, especially for people on long-term or chronic medications.

For the most up-to-date Nevada Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL), visit <https://nv.primetherapeutics.com/home>. Providers with questions can contact their health plan's Pharmacy Benefit Manager customer care team. Medicaid members can reach out to their health plan by visiting <https://www.nevadamedicaid.nv.gov/medicaid-members/health-plan-home/contact-a-health-plan/>, or by speaking with their provider or pharmacy for assistance. Additional SPDL information and inquiries may be routed to [RxInfo@nvha.nv.gov](mailto:RxInfo@nvha.nv.gov).