



State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 10, 2019
TO: Louisiana Medicaid Recipients
FROM: Jen Steele, Medicaid Director
SUBJECT: Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy Copayments

Rules for Pharmacy Co-payments have changed.

On April 1, 2019, what you pay for your medicine may change. If your family's income is \$800 or less each month, you will not have a copay. Please see the chart below for your possible-copay.

Monthly Income	Copay
\$800 or less	\$0
Medication Cost	Copay
\$10.00 or less	\$0.50
\$10.01-\$25.00	\$1.00
\$25.01-\$50.00	\$2.00
\$50.01 or more	\$3.00

There will be more changes on January 1, 2020. At that time, another rule will be applied. In the new rule, the total amount you pay for medicine can't be more than five percent of your family's income each month. Once you spend five percent of your monthly income on pharmacy copays, you will not have any copays for the rest of the month.

These changes will not affect you if you are not required to pay a copay. A co-payment is not required for some groups and services, including:

- Family Planning;
- Emergency Services;
- Members under 21 years of age;
- Pregnant women; and
- Native Americans.

If you have questions about this letter or think you paid too much, call 1-800-437-9101.

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