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**To:** AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

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**Subject:** Informational Bulletin 22-5: Pharmacy Brand Name and Generic Drugs Policy

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Claims for multi-source “Brand Name Products” that are not included in the PDL/NPDL process (i.e., drugs not listed on the Preferred Drug List on the static link), do not require prior authorization.

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana allows dispense as written (DAW) codes “1”, “5” “8”, and “9” for brand name processing. The following codes must accommodate the filling of a brand name product without use of prior authorization:

- DAW “1”: Brand name medically necessary from prescriber
- DAW “5”: Substitution allowed-brand drug dispensed as a generic (should be allowed when the brand drug is less expensive for 340B providers)
- DAW “8”: Substitution allowed, generic drug not available in marketplace
- DAW “9”: Preferred brand over generic drugs

Denials of brand drugs (unless the brand is a preferred drug) should deny with an error code stating “generic substitution required”.

This information will be included in the [AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Provider Handbook](#) by **March 15, 2022**.

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