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## Copayments for Prescription Drugs

**Medical Assistance Bulletin 24-05-05** was issued to inform providers of pharmacy services (in the Fee-for-Service delivery system) of changes in the amount of the copayment for brand name and generic prescription drugs for certain categories of Medical Assistance (MA) recipients. The MA Bulletin was effective August 29, 2005.

Click on the link below to go directly to MA Bulletin 24-05-05.

[http://dhs.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/bulletin\\_admin/d\\_003833.pdf](http://dhs.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/bulletin_admin/d_003833.pdf)

### Effective August 29, 2005 the copayments for pharmacy services are:

- \$3.00 per prescription & \$3.00 per refill for brand name drugs, including multi-source brand name drugs
- \$1.00 per prescription & \$1.00 per refill for generic drugs

The following services **remain excluded** from the copayment requirements for MA recipients except for General Assistance recipients:

- drugs dispensed by physicians or CRNPs
- antihypertensive agents
- antidiabetic agents
- anticonvulsants
- cardiovascular preparations
- antipsychotic agents, except those that are also schedule C-IV antianxiety agents
- antineoplastic agents
- antiglaucoma agents
- antiParkinson drugs
- HIV/AIDS-specific drugs

Copayments still **do not apply** to:

- Pregnant women (to include the post-partum period which begins on the last day of the pregnancy and extends through the end of the month in which the 60-day period following termination of the pregnancy ends)
- Recipients under the age of eighteen
- Nursing facility residents
- State Blind Pension recipients (their copayments for brand name and generic drugs will continue to be \$1.00 for each prescription & refill)
- When an emergency supply is dispensed

**Thank you for your service to our Medical Assistance Recipients. We value your Participation.**

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