

ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROVIDER QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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DRUG UTILIZATION REVIEW (DUR) BOARD UPDATE

The following will be presented during the **July 20, 2022** DUR Board meeting.

- **PROPOSED CHANGES TO EXISTING CRITERIA:** Acute and prophylaxis migraine treatment, Hemophilia A products (excluding Factor VIII), Treatment of COPD with ICS, SGLT-2 products in heart failure
- **PROPOSED NEW CLAIM EDITS:** Maximum doses for Targeted Immunomodulators and Age edits for sedative hypnotics
- **MANUAL REVIEW PROPOSED CRITERIA:**
 - Camzyos™
 - Vijoice®
 - Ztalmy® (if rebate eligible)
 - Vivjoa™ (if rebate eligible)
 - Radicava ORS®
 - Treatment of Eosinophilic Esophagitis

https://arkansas.magellanrx.com/client/docs/other/ARRx_DUR_board_meeting_agenda_20220720.pdf

PREFERRED DRUG LIST

Upcoming Drug Review Committee (DRC) classes to review on **August 10, 2022**

- Antimigraine agents
- Inhaled antibiotics
- Topical antiparasitic
- Growth hormones
- Pancreatic enzymes

https://arkansas.magellanrx.com/client/docs/other/ARRx_DRC_meeting_agenda_20220810.pdf

POINT-OF-SALE CHANGES

- **Diclegis®—June 27, 2022**
 - Recipient has a billed diagnosis of pregnancy or a lab value confirming pregnancy within the last 9 months without documentation of delivery or pregnancy termination
 - Recipient not meeting point-of-sale criteria will require a PA request with documentation of current pregnancy
- **Quetiapine—August 15, 2022**

If one of the following POS criteria are not met, a prior authorization will be required.

Criterion 1: Recipient has a billed diagnosis in the past two years for one of the following:

 - Schizoaffective disorder
 - Schizophrenia
 - Bipolar I disorder
 - Bipolar II disorder
 - Unspecified bipolar and related disorder
 - Unspecified schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders
 - Delusional disorder
 - MDD with psychotic features

Criterion 2: Recipient has a paid pharmacy claim in their Medicaid drug history for quetiapine in the last 120 days

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MAGELLAN CALL CENTER IVR UPDATE

The Magellan Call Center implemented a new and improved IVR Phone system on July 13, 2022. This system will allow more features and enable greater customer satisfaction. As always, the Provider NPI, Member Medicaid ID, and the Member DOB are the minimally required information. Other required information may include the Provider Medicaid number and Member address, if further authentication is needed. New features with this system will include voice prompts as well as touch-tone prompts, a call-back option, and other ways to authenticate members such as their zip code. The Magellan Call Center number is 1-800-424-7895.

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY (PHE) UNWIND

Medicaid enrolled clients should ensure that their information on file with the Department of Human Services is correct and updated. Clients may call 1-844-872-2660 to ensure that all information on file is correct, to ensure continued Medicaid coverage, especially when the declared Public Health Emergency comes to an end. To help get the message out to Medicaid clients, prescribers, and pharmacies can be of great assistance. The attached graphics about PHE Unwind can be posted in your office or pharmacy.

The image contains two promotional graphics. The left graphic features a white pill bottle with colorful pills spilling out, set against a yellow background. Text includes: "Does Medicaid pay for your medication", "UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO NOW!", "1-844-872-2660", "UPDATE ARKANSAS", and the Arkansas Department of Human Services logo. The right graphic has a white background with a blue border of pills. Text includes: "Does Medicaid pay for your medication?", "1-844-872-2660", "UPDATE ARKANSAS", "Update your contact info now!", and the Arkansas Department of Human Services logo.

PHARMACISTS AS PRESCRIBERS

Arkansas Medicaid began enrolling pharmacists and a new provider type 95, RX specialty, beginning April 1st, 2022, with billing rules allowed beginning 6/1/2022. Pharmacists are now able to be ordering, rendering, and prescribing providers (ORP). Pharmacists enrolled may now be pharmacy claims prescribers within the established scope of practice, as well as be the ordering and rendering provider on various types of medical professional claims in place of service pharmacy. Please keep in mind that all pharmacies that submit any medical professional claims (including vaccine and immunization claims) will need to have individually enrolled pharmacists on staff or working at the pharmacy in order to properly bill medical professional claims, as these claims will require the renderer to be an individual, and not the pharmacy. The provider type of 07 (pharmacy) NPI may not be submitted as the renderer. For any enrollment questions, the pharmacist should call the Provider Assistance Center at (800) 457-4454 or locally at (501) 376-2211.

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NEW PRODUCTS ON THE MARKET FOR 2022

MEDICATION	INDICATION	AR MEDICAID COVERAGE
Pluvicto®	Prostate Cancer	Medical coverage only (contact AFMC)
Opdualag™	Melanoma	Medical coverage only (contact AFMC)
Vonjo™	Primary or secondary myelofibrosis	Manual review with criteria determined by the DUR Board
Ibsrela®	IBS with constipation	Nonpreferred in IBS class
Releuko®	Biosimilar for Neupogen	Nonpreferred in colony stimulating factor class
Pyrukynd®	Anemia in pyruvate kinase deficiency	Manual review with criteria determined by the DUR Board
Livtency™	Post-transplant CMV infection	Manual review with criteria determined by the DUR Board
Apretude	HIV PrEP	Manual review with criteria determined by the DUR Board
Recorlev®	Hypercortisolemia in Cushing’s syndrome	Manual review with criteria determined by the DUR Board
Adbry™	Atopic dermatitis	Nonpreferred in TIMS class
Cibinqo®	Atopic dermatitis	Nonpreferred in TIMS class
Zimhi™	Naloxone for opioid overdose	No PA required
Kimtrak®	Uveal melanoma	Medical coverage only (contact AFMC)
Ztalmy®	Seizures associated with CDKL5 deficiency disorder	Manual review with criteria determined by the DUR Board
Vivjoa™	Recurrent vulvovaginal candidiasis	Manual review with criteria determined by the DUR Board
Camzyos	Obstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy	Manual review with criteria determined by the DUR Board
Voquezna	Treat H pylori	Manual review with medical necessity over other treatment options
Mounjaro	Type 2 diabetes	Nonpreferred in diabetes class
Amvuttra	Polyneuropathy of hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis	Manual review with criteria determined by the DUR Board

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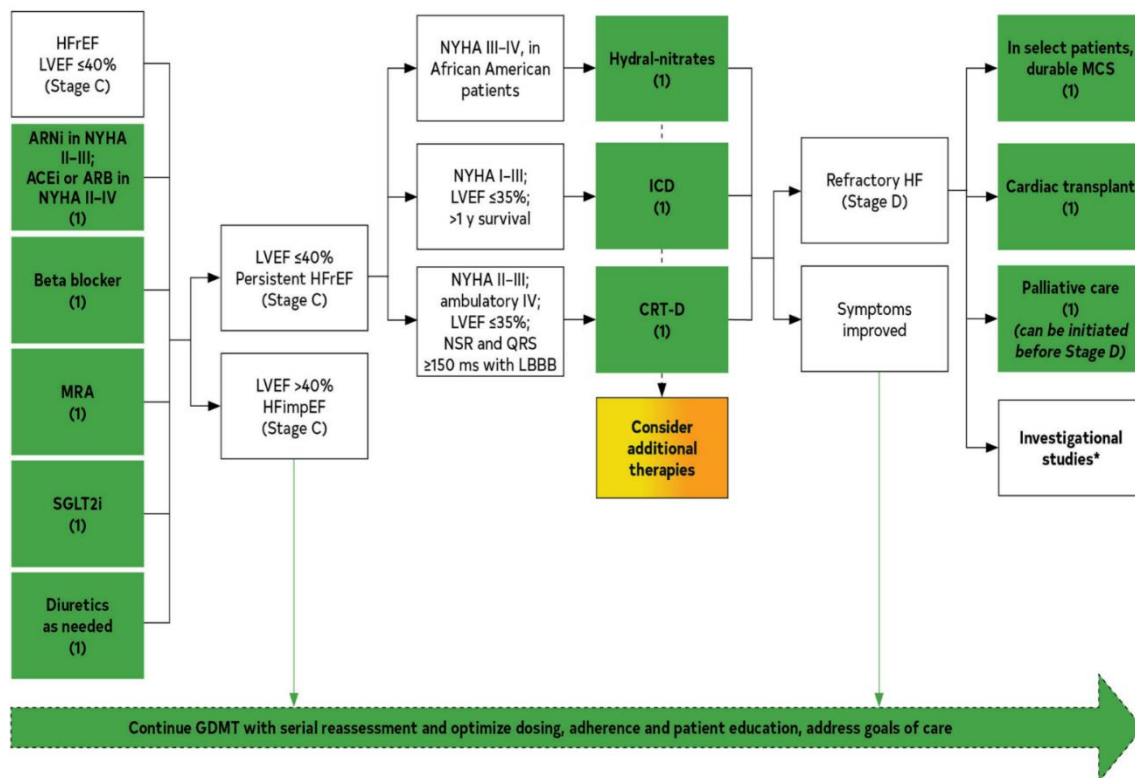
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HEART FAILURE MANAGEMENT GUIDELINE UPDATE

The American Heart Association, American College of Cardiology, and the Heart Failure Society of America published an update that replaces the 2013 ACCF/AHA guidelines and the 2017 ACC/AHA/HSFA focused update of the 2013 guidelines. The 2022 guideline is intended to provide patient centered recommendations for clinicians to prevent, diagnose, and manage patients with heart failure.

Guideline-directed medical therapy (GDMT) for HF with reduced ejection fraction (HFrEF) now includes 4 medication classes.

- ARNi/ACEi/ARB
- Beta blockers
- Mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists
- SGLT-2 inhibitors



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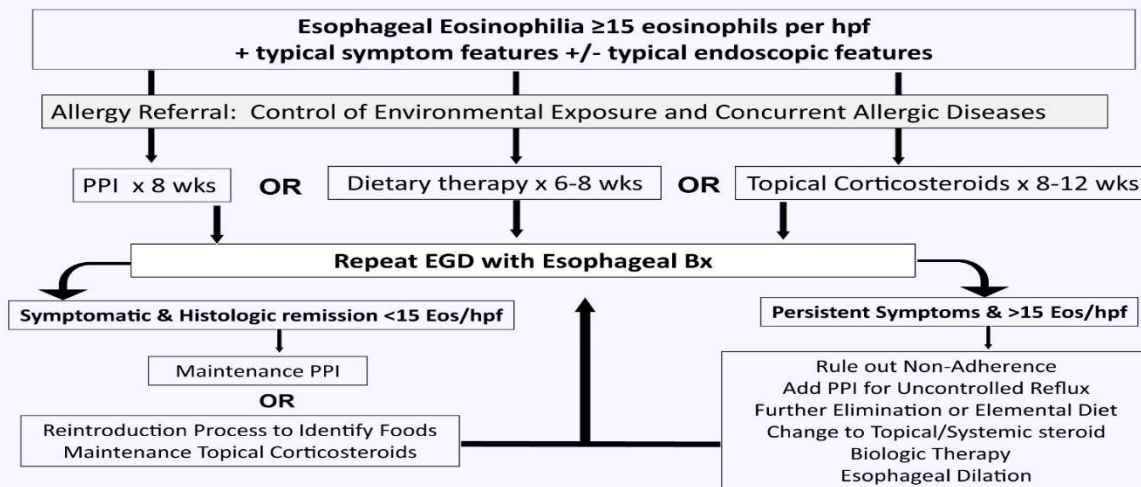
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TREATMENT OF EOSINOPHILIC ESOPHAGITIS

Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE) is a chronic allergic/immune condition of the esophagus with large numbers of eosinophils in the inner lining of the esophagus causing inflammation. Symptoms in adults can include dysphagia, food impaction, and chest pain. Symptoms in children can include abdominal pain, vomiting, weight loss, and feeding difficulty. Endoscopic features include linear furrows, white plaques, and concentric rings.

Recommendation from *The Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology* January 2020
[https://www.jacionline.org/article/S0091-6749\(19\)31546-5/fulltext](https://www.jacionline.org/article/S0091-6749(19)31546-5/fulltext)



Swallowed topical corticosteroids are a popular primary therapy for EoE and were the only therapy in the AGA-JTF guideline to receive a strong recommendation based on moderate-quality evidence despite not having an FDA approved indication.

Treatment options per UpToDate®:

- Dietary therapy is first line especially in patients with food allergies
 - Pharmacologic therapy (acute and maintenance)
 - Acid suppression—PPIs are considered first line with an 8 week course and may be dosed once or twice daily depending upon response.
 - Topical glucocorticoids—There are no FDA approved products, but budesonide and fluticasone demonstrate effectiveness and their use is supported on MicroMedex®.
 - Fluticasone is administered using an MDI sprayed into the mouth and swallowed using up to 8 sprays per day of the 220 mcg MDI.
 - Budesonide respules can be compounded into an oral viscous slurry and dosed at 1 mg daily for children or 2 mg daily for adults.
 - Systemic glucocorticoids—Oral steroids are reserved for severe EoE; prednisone is dosed 1-2 mg/kg per day with a maximum of 60 mg per day.
 - Dupilumab—This product may be best reserved for patients who are refractory and dosed at 300 mg every week.
 - Esophageal dilation—helpful for relieving dysphagia but no effect on inflammation
- [Treatment of eosinophilic esophagitis \(EoE\) - UpToDate](#)

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USEFUL LINKS

DHS webpage

- <https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/divisions-shared-services/medical-services/helpful-information-for-providers/>

DHS provider manuals

- <https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/divisions-shared-services/medical-services/helpful-information-for-providers/manuals/>

Opioid guidance

- <https://arkansas.magellanrx.com/client/documents>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/prescribing/guideline.html>
- <https://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/pdf/pubs/2018-cdc-drug-surveillance-report.pdf>
- [The Dangers Of Mixing Benzodiazepines With Opiates - Opioid Treatment](#)
- <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/index.html>
- <https://www.rehabs.com/blog/the-polypharmacy-overdose-a-killer-trend/>
- <https://afmc-analytics.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=2977d338de974451af5ce8ff24d2a30c>

DUR BOARD MEETING DATES

- [July 20, 2022](#)
- [October 19, 2022](#)
- [January 18, 2023](#)
- [April 19, 2023](#)

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