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Prescription Drug Importation During Shortages

Policy Summary:

The Vermont Medicaid program will add coverage of drugs authorized for import by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) during drug shortages. The FDA allows the importation of drugs from other countries when necessary to lessen the effects of drug shortages in the United States. This is a measure to ensure adequate access. Imported drugs must be authorized by the FDA for importation and prescribed by a Medicaid enrolled provider and

Vermont Medicaid is not currently experiencing a specific drug shortage. This change is being made to put the necessary policy in place to respond to a drug shortage.

This change will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as State Plan Amendment (SPA) #24-0013.

Effective Date:

July 1, 2024

Authority/Legal Basis:

[Medicaid State Plan](#)

Population Affected:

All Medicaid

Fiscal Impact:

This change is expected to be budget neutral.

Public Comment Period:

The public comment period ended July 13, 2024. No comments were received.

Additional Information:

The following State Plan page is amended:

- Attachment 3.1-a Page 5b

The draft SPA provides additional details on the proposed changes; copies of the draft SPA can be requested from local Department for Children and Families (DCF) offices or from DVHA at (802) 355-8843, or can be found on the [Agency of Human Services website](#).