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# Pharmacy Facts

## MassHealth Pharmacy Program

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### New Pharmacy Web Site

The Pharmacy Program at MassHealth has a new Web site. Useful information at this site includes links to the MassHealth Drug List, pharmacy regulations, PA forms, and billing guide. The address for this site is [www.mass.gov/masshealth/pharmacy](http://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pharmacy).

### Pharmacy Program Regulations

Pharmacies will receive postcard notification of an update to Subchapter 4 of the Pharmacy Manual. The referenced document, TL PHM-53, can also be found at [www.mass.gov/masshealthpubs](http://www.mass.gov/masshealthpubs).

The following changes, of particular interest to pharmacists, will become effective 12/1/2005:

- MassHealth does not pay for prescriptions if the prescribing clinician has been suspended, terminated from participation, or denied admission by MassHealth.
- MassHealth limits the days' supply of a prescription to a 30-day supply, unless the drug is available only in a larger minimum package size. Prescriptions for methylphenidate and amphetamine products will continue to be accepted when written for a 60-day supply.
- MassHealth does not pay for drugs when used in the treatment of male or female sexual dysfunction.

### Pregnancy

Members who are pregnant or in the postpartum period (extending through the end of the second calendar month following the final month of their pregnancy), are exempt from MassHealth copayment requirements. In these cases, the pharmacist should enter a **2** in the Pregnancy Indicator Field (NCPDP-335-2C) of the pharmacy claim.

### Continuing Education (CE) Events:

#### Medicare Part D

MassHealth and ACS are offering pharmacists a CE opportunity that will provide 2 hours of CE credit for pharmacy law. These evening programs will take place in the following cities, on the specified dates:

- Worcester, Tuesday, December 6
- Somerville, Thursday, December 8
- Springfield, Tuesday, December 13
- Randolph, Thursday, December 15

If you are interested, please save the dates; additional details will follow.