

# Kentucky Medicaid Drug Program

## 4 Prescription Drug Rule

- The Medicaid Drug Program can pay for 4 prescription medicines for each Medicaid member every 30 days starting on March 1, 2006 .

- **What You Need to Know**

- Does not apply to children under 19.
- Does not apply to insulin.
- Does not apply to people in nursing homes without Medicare drug coverage.

- **How Does the 4 Prescription Medicine Rule Work?**

Medicaid may pay for more than 4 prescription medicines only when:

- You give your Kentucky Health Card to the drug store, **and**
- Your doctor says you will be in danger if you do not get your medicine **OR**
- Your doctor says you are sick with one of the conditions listed to the right:

### Conditions

- Acute therapy for migraine headaches/acute pain
- Acute infections/infestations
- Bipolar disorders
- Cancer
- Cardiac rhythm disorders
- Chronic pain
- Coronary artery/cerebrovascular disease (advanced atherosclerotic disease)
- Cystic fibrosis
- Dementia
- Diabetes
- End stage lung disease
- End stage renal disease (ESRD)
- Epilepsy
- Hemophilia
- HIV/AIDS/Immunocompromised
- Hyperlipidemia
- Hypertension
- Major depression
- Metabolic syndrome
- Organ transplant
- Psychotic disorders
- Schizophrenic disorders
- Schizotypal personality disorders
- Suppressive therapy for thyroid cancer
- Terminal stage of an illness

When your prescription is **not** for treating one of the conditions on this list, the pharmacist may talk to you or your doctor about your need for the medicine. The pharmacist or doctor may help with steps that can be taken when you need more than 4 prescription medicines. **Pharmacists and doctors will work within these rules to make sure that you get the prescription medicines you need to be healthy.**

If you have any questions about the 4 medicine rule, you may call 800-635-2570.

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