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### Preferred Drug List Change

- **CHANGES TO PHARMACY GRANDFATHERING**

#### Changes to Pharmacy Grandfathering

The MO HealthNet Division (MHD) established a Preferred Drug List (PDL) program in July 2004. Since the start of the PDL program, the MHD has allowed for grandfathering in all classes of the PDL. Grandfathering allows participants established on a preferred drug to remain on that drug when it moves from preferred status to non-preferred status.

In order to increase the sustainability of Missouri's Medicaid program, the MHD will eliminate grandfathering for most PDL classes beginning July 11, 2019. Grandfathering will continue for a few specific PDL classes based on clinical rationale. This reduction in grandfathering will result in a more rapid shift to less costly preferred drugs.

PDL edits will continue to include prior authorization, step therapy, and quantity limits. The PDL process is fluid and changes on a quarterly basis. Each quarter the MHD will notify providers of upcoming PDL changes via MO HealthNet News. To sign up for MO HealthNet News visit our website at <https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/>. PDL changes will also be posted on the MO HealthNet website under Quarterly PDL Changes at <https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/cs/pharmacy/pages/clinedit.htm>.

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- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service

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