# Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program Electronic Formulary System

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#### Background

- Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) must provide all formulary information in an electronic format for HealthChoice providers
- In addition to MCO maintained data, the Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program (MMPP) maintains an online listing of pharmacy formulary information for the FFS program and MCO programs through Epocrates®
- MMPP was notified regarding discontinuation of formulary information in Epocrates® and a new vendor was contracted for services in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2016





# Introduction to Formulary Navigator



#### **Formulary Navigator**

- Online software system from MMIT
- Allows for management and online publishing of healthplan formulary information
- Added features through Formulary Navigator include addition of hyperlinks for detailed information, expanded user notes section, enhanced ability to assign coverage of various product formulations and search for products
- Available in a smart-phone app for future reference



#### **MMIT** and Formulary Navigator





- 20 years specializing in formulary
- 40+ PBM and Health plan clients
- Team of Pharmacists, IT
- & Operations



#### **Formulary Navigator Clients**





## Benefits of Formulary Navigator

- Identifies each product by unique identifier for coverage determination
- Ability to assign multiple codes/restrictions to each product to display formulary status and other important product flags
- Supports use of website hyperlinks for additional information
- Updates can be scheduled for future implementation and occur in "real time"
- Expanded search options display coverage information for multiple products in one display

# Comparison of formulary hosting\_

	Previous system	Formulary Navigator
Product listing	Single product listing by name	Expanded product listing by NDC includes name, strength, formulation, manufacturer, package size
Coding	Single code allowed per product listing	Expanded coding includes formulary status and various restrictions (e.g. prior authorization, quantity limits)
Product notes	Single field with 225 character limit	Multiple fields with up to 4,000 character limit
Visual icons	Not available	Multiple icons available for quick visual recognition
Links for additional information	Not available	Supports hyperlinks for quick and easy navigation to documents/forms
Published material	Account sign-in required Scheduled updates	Web based free access Scheduled and on demand updates allow "real time" publishing



#### Timeline \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Task
October 2017	<ul> <li>Orientation to new formulary system</li> <li>Review of currently available formulary listing by MCO</li> </ul>
November 14, 2017	<ul> <li>MCO to submit requested changes to MMPP for review</li> <li>Formulary updates</li> <li>Communication to providers</li> </ul>
December 12, 2017	<ul> <li>Conversion to new formulary system (stop maintenance on old system)</li> <li>Post active links for public use</li> <li>Initiate monthly update process</li> </ul>
January 2018	<ul> <li>Final revisions and updates based on MCO and public feedback</li> <li>Outreach to providers regarding availability of new program</li> </ul>
February 1, 2018	Migration from Epocrates® to Formulary Navigator



#### Formulary Navigator<sup>™</sup>—

Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program Information:

http://www.mmppi.com





## **Questions?**





