

## **Pharmacy Benefit Medicaid Drug Rebate Program Reminder**

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As mandated by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, only those drugs manufactured or distributed by labelers participating in a drug rebate agreement with the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) are eligible to be billed under Medicaid.

**Please note that Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island (Neighborhood) will reject retail pharmacy claims for medications produced by manufacturers who have not entered into a drug rebate agreement with DHHS.**

This adjustment applies to both brand-name and generic medications:

- If the prescribed product is a brand-name medication, please identify and prescribe a comparable alternative for the member.
- If the prescribed product is a generic medication, the dispensing pharmacy should reprocess the claim using the same product but from a manufacturer that participates in the rebate agreement.

**Please note, this requirement does not apply to Neighborhood's Commercial or INTEGRITY Medicare-Medicaid plans.**