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Montana Healthcare Programs Notice Pharmacy Providers

Change in Policy Regarding NCPDP Fields Dispense As Written (DAW) Product Selection Codes 5 and 7

Effective February 17, 2009

DAW 5 - Substitution Allowed—Brand Drug Dispensed as a Generic

A prior authorization will now be required for DAW 5. Upon evaluating the utilization of DAW 5 (brand dispensed as generic), the Department found that, due to new methods of determining the classification of drugs as brands or generics, that there was no further need for a blanket allowance of this edit.

DAW 7 - Substitution Not Allowed—Brand Drug Mandated By Law

The Montana Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Board (DUR Board) recently examined the continuing need to allow for DAW 7 for medications previously determined to be “narrow therapeutic index” (NTI) drugs.

Based on DUR Board recommendations only anti-epileptic medications being used for a seizure diagnosis, and anti-hemophilic factors will be continue to be considered NTI drugs. A DAW 7 override will be allowed on these drugs only.

Clients currently stable on Clozaril will be allowed to remain on the brand medication.

All other continuation therapies for the brand medication will require a DAW 1, a prior authorization with clinical justification for continuance of the brand therapy.

Prior authorizations may be obtained by the prescriber, their designee or pharmacy. Requests may be submitted by mail, telephone, or fax to:

Drug Prior Authorization Unit
Mountain Pacific Quality Health Foundation
3404 Cooney Drive
Helena, MT 59602
(406) 443-6002 or (800) 395-7961 (phone)
(406) 443-7014 or (800) 294-1350 (fax)

Any questions regarding this notice can be directed to Wendy Blackwood at (406) 444-2738 or the Medicaid Drug Prior Authorization Unit.

Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

Provider Relations toll-free in- and out-of-state: 1-800-624-3958

Helena: (406) 442-1837

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