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Montana Health Care Programs Notice

Pharmacy

Effective October 1, 2013

Healthy Montana Kids Pharmacy Benefit

Effective October 1, 2013 the pharmacy benefit for Healthy Montana Kids Members will change from administration of the plan by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana to administration by Xerox State Healthcare, LLC. The expected changes can be seen in the Proposed Evidence of Coverage on the Healthy Montana Kids website (<http://hmk.mt.gov/evidenceofcoverage.shtml>).

Changes include the following:

- A network pharmacy provider will be a provider enrolled as a Montana Health Care Programs Provider.
- HMK members will have no co-payments for pharmacy benefits.
- Prescribed oral fluoride preparations are now a covered pharmacy benefit.
- Out-of-state pharmacy benefits will be paid only if the provider is enrolled as a Montana Health Care Programs Provider.

The lists of covered and non-covered pharmacy benefits are updated in the Proposed Evidence of Coverage to reflect the change in pharmacy benefits. Prescription drug coverage mirrors coverage of HMK *Plus* and is limited to products whose pharmaceutical manufacturer has signed a rebate agreement with the federal government.

In addition, covered prescribed medications are subject to the preferred drug list and prior authorization requirements. Prior authorization for pharmacy claims will be obtained through the Department's Drug Prior Authorization Unit. The prior authorization process for prescriptions may be initiated by the prescriber or dispensing pharmacy.

Dispensing quantities will be limited to a 34-day supply. The Proposed Evidence of Coverage lists the exceptions to the 34-day supply rule. Prescriptions for non-controlled substances may be refilled after 75% of the estimated therapy days have elapsed. Prescriptions for controlled substances and a few other medications may be refilled only after 90% of the estimated therapy days have elapsed.

Early refills will be authorized only if a prescriber changes the dose. Early refills will not be granted for lost or stolen medication, or for vacation or travel.

Contact Information

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Dave Campana R.Ph., Medicaid Pharmacist, at 406.444.5951 or dcampana@mt.gov or Katie Hawkins, Pharmacy Program Officer, at 406.444.2738, or khawkins@mt.gov.

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations at 1-800-624-3958 (toll-free, in/out of state) or (406) 442-1837 (Helena) or via e-mail at MTPRHelpdesk@xerox.com.

Visit the Provider Information website at <http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov>.