Effective September 23, 2017

Items of Interest - REVISED

Medication Authorization Changes

New Drugs Requiring a Prior Authorization

Oral iron products that were formerly prescription and are now listed by First DataBank as over the counter, such as: Ferralet 90, Ferrex 150 Forte, Ferrex 28, Iferex 150, Poly-Iron 150 Forte and Trincon Capsule will require a prior authorization and may be authorized when a member has documented anemia or is on dialysis.

The Flu season will be upon us starting this Fall, please ask the Montana Healthcare Program members if they have had their influenza vaccination. The Department will reimburse pharmacies for the ingredient cost and administration of the influenza vaccine.

Vaccines and vaccine administration are covered for adults, aged 19 and over, when administered by a pharmacist. The fee for the first vaccine administered is $21.32 and $13.00 for each additional vaccine that is administered. Note the vaccine administration fee is in lieu of the standard pharmacy dispensing fee. Pharmacies should not bill for a dispensing fee because the Incentive Amount - vaccine administration fee is paid instead of a dispensing fee.

The following NCPDP fields are required for Medicaid to properly reimburse for the vaccine and the administration fee:

• 439-E4 (Reason for Service Code) - Submit AD (Additional Drug Needed);
• 438-E3 (Incentive Amount Submitted) - For submitting your usual and customary vaccine administration fee; and
• 440-E5 (DUR Professional Service Code) - Submit MA (Medication Administration).

Be careful to submit the correct vaccine unit, which is often less than 1.0.

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