MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

July 19, 2018

Physicians, Mid-Levels

Effective Immediately

Drugs Not Covered for MAT Members

Montana Healthcare Programs does not authorize payment of opioids, tramadol, or carisoprodol when members are utilizing the services of a Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) provider, or after treatment with MAT administered methadone, or outpatient prescription buprenorphine-containing products has begun. If a member subsequently discontinues MAT, and/or the buprenorphine-containing product, all opioids, tramadol formulations, and carisoprodol will remain as non-covered for the member. These medications will require prior authorization for any future prescriptions. Approval may be granted short-term for an acute injury, hospitalization, or other appropriate diagnosis only after the case is reviewed with the treating provider and the provider prescribing the buprenorphine-containing product, or providing the methadone treatment.

Effective immediately, MAT providers are required to fax the signed Montana Healthcare Programs MAT form to the Montana Healthcare Programs Pharmacy Program Staff at (406) 444-1861, for new members utilizing the services of a MAT provider. The completed form will be utilized to ensure the pharmacy system is updated to deny any prescription for opioids, tramadol, and carisoprodol at the point of sale system.

It is required that all providers refer to the Montana Prescription Drug Registry to determine if their patient is receiving an opioid or tramadol prescription concurrently with MAT. Providers are responsible for informing members that they will be locked out of opioid prescriptions, when obtaining the services of MAT, unless a prior authorization is granted for a specified episode of care.

Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact:
Pharmacy Program Officer at 406-444-2738 for prior authorization pharmacy/drug related questions.
Physician Program Officer at 406-444-3995 for medical related questions.

For additional information, contact Montana Provider Relations at (800) 624-3958 or (406) 442-1837 or email MTPRHelpdesk@conduent.com.