

PHARMACY FACTS

Program Updates from Louisiana Medicaid

December 18, 2023

Naloxone Standing Order

Dr. Shantel Hebert-Magee, Louisiana Medicaid Chief Medical Officer, has signed the 2024 naloxone standing order since Dr. James Hussey is retiring at the end of the year. The new standing order will be posted at the end of the year. Please make note for 2024 billing purposes.

Increased Dispensing Fee

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has approved the Fee-for-Service (FFS) state plan amendment to increase the dispensing fee from \$10.99 to \$11.81. The increased dispensing fee will be implemented on December 29, 2023.

In January, claims will be recycled back to date of service October 1, 2023. This will apply to FFS pharmacy claims and MCO local pharmacy claims.

Clotting Factor Reimbursement

On February 1, 2024, clotting factor reimbursement methodology will change to an average acquisition cost per unit and a dispensing fee per unit dispensed. Clotting factor will be limited to pharmacy claims only on and after February 1, 2024.

FFS pharmacy claims will be recycled with the updated reimbursement methodology back to October 1, 2023.

Magellan Pharmacy Benefits Manager Quantity Limit Overrides

Early refills are coded with 85-percent tolerance between refills for non-controlled drugs and 90 percent for controlled drugs. For products with quantity limits, there may be instances where the quantity limit and the early refill do not return the same "next refill date." Magellan Medicaid Administration (MMA) is making updates so there will also be a tolerance on the quantity limits to align with the early refill tolerance. The higher utilized drugs have been programmed and the others are still in progress. There are a few products with rolling quantity limits that will not allow the early refill tolerance.

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For some products, quantity limits can be overridden at Point of Sale using the following PPS codes.

Reason For Service Code(s) NCPDP field 439-E4	Provider Override Allowed?	Applicable Professional Service Code(s)/Description NCPDP field 440-E5	Applicable Result of Service Code(s)/Description NCPDP field 441-E6
<ul style="list-style-type: none">EX – Excessive QuantityHD – High Dose	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">M0 – Prescriber Consulted	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1G – Filled, Prescriber Approved