Ohio Medicaid SPBM Pharmacist Weekly Round-Up

7/2/23

General Practice

* 70 Pharmacy – We have decided update our current process on Evergreen. If you question a pharmacy situation (stated as buy and bill, no clear indication of the pharmacy) this is to be denied and sent the language starting with “This is not a denial…..” and if and hint of a pharmacy is given, please approve with the approval language provided. Please do not CANCEL any longer, it is DENY or APPROVE!
* There is a program in Ohio called SBAT. This is basically if a child needs inhalable medications and products. Many times these patients require additional inhalers or spacers for school use. If a situation happens and an SBAT patient is involved, please approve any extra supplies that are required for school or day camp or whenever it applies.
* Ribavirin – if we do get requests for ribavirin products, please know that there are preferred products that do not require a PA.
* Deplin – Please know that we do not cover medical food. If the folate product you are working on is said to be medical food per Lexicomp or is not indicated for product for that indication, please admin deny
* Flex time- Pharmacists - Please know that “day – of” requests for flex time MUST be for an emergency that can not be taken care of after work hours. Scheduled flex – time is greatly appreciated, and in most cases will not be taken before shift and only move time required to later. If a shop is open after work, please go then. If a doorbell rings or a phone call needs to be made, you do have lunch time/breaks, I do not want to micromanage lunch times or breaks we are all capable of handling things, but “day-of” flex requests need to be for emergencies that MUST be handled only during work hours.

Technician Procedures

* Technicians must check eligibility and note this AND understand primary/secondary insurance issues and COB coming with that. That means that they are to look at claims if Medicaid isn’t primary and understand what needs to be done per their directives in each case. Such as if COB 2 the pharmacy should be able to get a payable claim if Medicaid is secondary and that there must be a primary paying anything. Pharmacists – if COB is the reason for a PA and it gets to us, it is to be handled by the technician and we are to address this similarly if the technician did not note to check eligibility.

Clinical Meeting

* Please be aware that if an opioid comes to us over 100 MED, we are to follow make sure that a face to face visit and examination form a board certified pain medicine physician or board certified hospice and pallative care physician. This is indicated on the UPDL and on the Opioid Form.

ODM Perspective

Future

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