Ohio Medicaid SPBM Pharmacist Weekly Round-Up

7/29/23

General Practice

* For the medication Carnitor/levocarnitine, there is additional criteria for this involving valproic acid, please also approve for primary systemic carnitine deficiency. This can usually be do to certain genetic disorders and there are usually tests done to determine the diagnosis.
* Please make sure that when we are determining coverage on where a medication is administered, the only thing we need to double check is if the pharmacy is a 70 pharmacy, in the office/j-codes/infusion centers can be approved by us as long as medication is dispensed by a 70 pharmacy.
* We stayed in TAT again last week!!!! Excellent job everyone! This is and incredible showing of effort despite technological issues, thank you!
* Please refer to prior email about EPSDT approval directions, There has been changing to the process, removing clinical for efficiency.

When considering approval, these edit rejections do not require a preliminary email before approving to leadership to send to ODM.

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| **Operational Considerations** | | | | |
| Active NDC | Information on status is received from FDB. | 7109 7162 (compounds) | Overridable (Level 5) | Confirm there is not an active NDC that can be utilized; if not, ODM requests GW to override. ODM requests follow-up notification via email. |
| Termed NDC | NDCs can be pulled from the market or discontinued. | 7107 7161 (compounds) | Overridable (Level 3) | If FDA status is withdrawn, this should not be overridden.  If the product is termed because potentially the supply has exhausted, ODM requests GW to override. There should be research done to ensure other available alternatives are utilized (based on availability, cost, etc). ODM requests follow-up notification via email. |
| Disabled NDC | Noted as non-payable in the system but would otherwise be payable. | 7106 | Overridable (Level 3) | ODM requests GW to override. ODM requests follow-up notification via email. |

So for our processes, if approving we approve, then we enter the EO, and then send the email to Casandra, Justin, Brian to inform ODM

The following edits when tripped MUST ask ODM first, as in if we are considering approving we send the following template information to leaders to send to email ODM prior to approval.

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| Pricing | Pricing is supplied from Myers & Stauffer (PPAC). | 7190 | Not overridable | Requests should be sent to PPAC for pricing immediately. |
| Benefits/Contracts | Benefits allow for an NDC to have pharmacy coverage. Contracts allow different coverage across multiple plans. | 7702 (benefits)  7650 (contracts) | Not overridable  Overridable (Level 5) | Email notification should be sent to ODM about adding benefits/contracts to the drug for consideration. |
| DESI status | Information on status is received from FDB. | 7092 7167 (compounds) | Not overridable | Email notification should be sent to ODM about DESI status for consideration. |
| Rebate | Information on status is received from FDB. | 7104 7166 (compounds) | Overridable (Level 1) | Email notification should be sent to ODM about rebate status for consideration. |

For our processes, we MUST send the email in template form to leaders and ODM approval BEFORE approving for EPSDT. Please send to Cassandra, Brian, Justin, for correspondence to ODM. (no clinical involved)

Template to Leaders

PA number:

Edit number to override:

Approval rationale:

There will be times when we are working when ODM won’t be able to respond within TAT for PAs(the weekend, overnight). In this situations if it is feasible that we will not get a response, Please send the email questioning first as described above, and deny the PA with the denial language:

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT A DENIAL - further research and outreach is required (that may include but is not limited to: benefits, DESI status, rebate status, etc.) This will be decided within 72 hours of prior authorization received.

When and if it is approved leadership/ODM will contact the group that are able to enter the EO, and the pharmacist that processed originally will complete an approved PA, and the group (Cassandra, Justin, Brian, etc.) will enter the edit override portion of the approval.

Technician Procedures

Clinical Meeting

ODM Perspective

Future

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| Labor Day (9/4) |
| 1. Elnaz |
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| 3. Laurie |
| 4. Huma |
| 5. Quan |
| 6. Selina |
| 7. Mindy |
| 8. Jim |