



# Medicaid Pharmacy News

Dear Providers:

September 3, 2013

## **NEW NEUROPATHIC PAIN CRITERIA**

The preferred drug list now includes a new class specific to the diagnosis of neuropathic pain. The preferred agents for this class are amitriptyline, imipramine, nortriptyline, and gabapentin. To receive a non-preferred agent (Cymbalta or Lyrica), a trial and failure of one tricyclic antidepressant greater than or equal to a 12 week supply AND a trial and failure of gabapentin, **at a dose of 3600 mg/day**, greater than or equal to a 12 week supply, all within the previous 12 months, will be required.

## **INCARCERATED CLIENTS CLARIFICATION**

In the previous newsletter, the following was presented as a reminder:

Please note the following, per Chapter 26; Section 6 of the Wyoming Medicaid Rules, the following services will not be covered by Wyoming Medicaid:

- (e) Services furnished to an individual who is an inmate of a public institution, or an individual that is in the custody of a state, local, or federal law enforcement agency;
- (f) Services provided to an individual in emergency detention.

Claims billed during a client's incarceration will be subject to subsequent recovery and possible future audit proceedings.

**PLEASE NOTE: This does NOT pertain to children in the custody of the Department of Family Services who are placed in juvenile detention centers.** If there are any questions as to whether a claim should be billed to Wyoming Medicaid for a client please call the GHS Pharmacy Help Desk at 1-877-207-1126.

## **CHANGES TO ANTICONVULSANT CRITERIA**

Effective September 18, 2013, the following anticonvulsants are limited to the listed diagnoses:

- Carbamazepine – Seizures, bipolar/mood disorders, and trigeminal neuralgia
- Clonazepam - Seizures and post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- Phenytoin - Seizures
- Valproic Acid – Seizures, migraines, and bipolar/mood disorder

## **CHANGES TO SUBOXONE CRITERIA**

Effective September 4, 2013, clients that have received Suboxone or buprenorphine within the past year will no longer be allowed to fill narcotics (including tramadol and Soma/carisoprodol) without undergoing the prior authorization process. Additionally, clients that have received Suboxone or buprenorphine within the past year will also require prior authorization for short-acting stimulants and benzodiazepines unless they are prescribed by the same provider that has prescribed Suboxone/buprenorphine.

## **WYOMING MEDICAID POLICY ON NDCs MATCHING WHAT IS DISPENSED**

Per the Wyoming Medicaid Pharmacy Provider manual, the NDC on the product being dispensed to the patient must exactly match the NDC in the claim that is being submitted to Wyoming Medicaid. For example, if the pharmacy is dispensing 450 count test strips, and the claim submitted contains the NDC for the 50 count package, the pharmacy must fill the entire prescription using the 50 count product. It **is not permissible** to use four 100 count boxes and one 50 count box to fill the prescription and submit a claim for only the 50 count box NDC. Claims that have been filled incorrectly in this fashion are subject to subsequent recovery and possible future audit proceedings.

### **USE OF DISCOUNT CARDS**

Despite all recent notices, Wyoming Medicaid is continuing to see the use of discount cards as primary coverage. Please note, Medicaid clients who present discount cards at the pharmacy **MAY NOT** use those discount cards in conjunction with their Medicaid benefits. Discount cards cannot be used on any prescriptions that are paid for in whole or in part by any government program, regardless of the presence or absence of such a statement on the card itself. Claims that have been “split-billed” in this fashion are subject to subsequent recovery and possible future audit proceedings.