Pharmacist Care Corner

CCRx MTM 2010 Program – New Changes for 2010

- CCRx – a Universal American Health Collaboration, has made two important changes to the rules for their MTM 2010 program:
  - All cases will be assigned a 30 day deadline (compared to 45 days in past years)
  - There will be no payment to pharmacy for cases that are declined

An executed program term sheet is required for program participation. If your pharmacy does not wish to participate in the CCRx MTM 2010 program in light of these changes, please contact Mirixa Support at (866) 218-6649 to opt out of the program. If your pharmacy is signed up for Mirixa’s programs through a chain or affiliation group, please contact the appropriate group representative to express your preference.

In addition, the following will apply beginning 2010:

- Pharmacies will begin receiving cases in mid-January and must complete, document and bill all cases by the assigned deadline. If not completed by the assigned deadline at retail, the cases will be completed via another provider or by letter.
- The majority of MTM cases will be released in the second quarter.
- There will be no limit on the number of MTM cases released. All cases from Mirixa will be released to your pharmacy queue as they become eligible.

Note: Please prepare staff accordingly to ensure timely case completion.

Need Assistance? Log in to your MirixaProSM platform account and click on “Contact Support,” or call (866) 218-6649, 8:30-5:30pm ET, Monday-Friday.
**Patients Can Still Enroll in a Medicare Advantage Plan**

*From CCRx Update, January 8, 2010*

Although Medicare Part D enrollment ended Dec. 31, patients can still add medical coverage through a Medicare Advantage plan during the Open Enrollment Period (OEP), which lasts until March 31.

As a pharmacist, it is important to know what plan changes are permissible during this extended enrollment period so that you can appropriately educate your patients about their enrollment options.

Here are a few helpful “rules of thumb,” along with a chart that describes your patient’s options when it comes to their Community CCRx prescription drug coverage and adding a Medicare Advantage plan that is powered by a Community CCRx drug benefit:

**2010 Medicare Advantage OEP Enrollment Options**

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<th>IF your patient currently is enrolled in...</th>
<th>THEN he/she may enroll in the following during the Open Enrollment Period...</th>
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| Original Medicare and a PDP              | • Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MA-PD)  
• Medicare Advantage Plan (MA-only) (keeping their current PDP) |
| Original Medicare only (Parts A and B) with no drug coverage | • Medicare Advantage Plan (MA-only) |
| Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan (MA-PD) | • Different Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan (MA-PD)  
• Medicare Advantage Plan (MA-only) and a PDP  
• PDP and Original Medicare (Parts A and B) |
| Medicare Advantage Plan (MA-only) with no drug coverage | • Medicare Advantage Plan (MA-only)  
• Return to Original Medicare (Parts A and B) |
| Medicare Advantage Plan (MA-only) and a PDP | • Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan (MA-PD)  
• Different Medicare Advantage Plan (MA-only) (keeping their current PDP) |

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**RxAmerica Payment Cycle Change**

*From Caremark, January 11, 2010*

Since 2008, Caremark has consolidated and sent payment for three of its RXBINs (610415, 004336 and 610029) weekly every Wednesday. Effective Wednesday, January 13, 2010, the RxAmerica payment mailing date will also change to every Wednesday.

These January payments will synchronize with the new Wednesday mailing date. All payment mail dates will follow the standard seven-day schedule thereafter.

This means you will receive a check dated Monday, January 4, 2010 and a check dated Wednesday, January 13, 2010, beginning the normal seven-day payment cycle. Additionally, you will receive two remittance advices and 835s within this period.

The mailing date change will continue to be in accordance with prompt pay regulations, and no other exception payment mail dates will be impacted (this includes client-specific payment cycles and/or other check mail dates meeting prompt pay state-specific laws).

If you have any questions, please contact Caremark Retail Services at (866) 488-4708.

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**Audit Tip**

*Courtesy of Express Scripts*

Common triggers for an on-site audit can include one or more of the following:

- High average ingredient cost
- High claim volume
- High refill rate
- High compound submission rate
- High rate of DAW-1 usage on multi-source brands, etc.
- High or low reversal rates
- A low rate of claims paid at a pharmacy’s usual and customary (U&C) rate
- Claims for quantities inconsistent with day supply and
- Incorrect Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) or physician license numbers.
Contracts

Contracts Received for Review
1) Argus – ANA-96 Specialty Network – Received 01/11/2010

Contact the GNP Provider Network help desk if you receive a contract to ensure that your pharmacy is not already contracted under the GNPPN membership.

MAC News

Stats for this week:
Number of Research Requests Received: 356
Number of Research Requests Sent to Payers: 196
Number of Issues Resolved: 167

Important reminder for submitting MAC requests:
MAC forms submitted must be filled out completely. Incomplete forms cannot be processed. If the Group or PCN number is not applicable, simply put N/A in the space provided. Our MAC Pricing Research form has been updated. To print a copy, please go to https://link.amerisourcebergen.com. You may also contact the GNPPN help desk at (888) 880-1388 or email macinquiries@amerisourcebergen.com.

MAC Successes

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