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14-138 DEA Controlled Substance Rescheduling of Hydrocodone Products

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has issued a final ruling to move all hydrocodone combination products from DEA Schedule III to the more restrictive DEA Schedule II (*Federal Register Volume 79, Number 163 (Friday, August 22, 2014)*). This change will occur on October 6, 2014.

Effective October 6, 2014, claims billed to Fee-For-Service (FFS) Utah Medicaid for combination hydrocodone products will be adjudicated as Schedule II prescriptions. Refill prescriptions billed to Utah Medicaid FFS for hydrocodone containing products after October 5, 2014, will be denied.

Prescribers will need to issue a new prescription for hydrocodone containing products in order to comply with Utah Medicaid policy after October 5, 2014, regardless of whether or not there are refills remaining for those prescriptions.

While the final rule provides for a six-month allowance for hydrocodone prescription refills written prior to October 6, 2014, Utah Medicaid will not honor remaining refills for those prescriptions after October 5, 2014.

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14-139 Physician Services Update

Effective October 1, 2014, Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD) screening for all newborns will be covered. An amount of \$50.00 will be added to the delivery DRG for urban facilities to cover the cost of the CCHD screening. Rural hospitals will be reimbursed at 89% of charges.

The following has been added to the *Utah Medicaid Physician Services Provider Manual*:

G. Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD) Newborn Screening

Critical congenital heart disease screening for all newborns is covered. Additional payment is included to the delivery DRG for urban facilities. Rural hospitals are reimbursed at 89% of charges and must bill CPT code 94761.

14-140 PCN Diagnoses List Updated

Effective October 1, 2014, the updated *PCN Authorized Diagnoses for Emergency Department Reimbursement*, an attachment to the *Utah Medicaid Primary Care Network (PCN) Manual*, is available on the Utah Medicaid website at <https://medicaid.utah.gov>.

14-141 Hysterectomy Acknowledgment Form Updated

Effective October 1, 2014, the *Utah Medicaid Hysterectomy Acknowledgment Form* has been updated and is available on the Utah Medicaid website at <https://medicaid.utah.gov>.