

Attention Utah Medicaid Pharmacy Providers

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Mandatory 90-Day Supply of Select Drugs for Medicaid Members

Effective May 1, 2019, Utah Medicaid will institute a mandatory 90 day supply for medications on the 90-day supply list following a two month window for dose titration and stabilization. When a patient presents with a new prescription or a refill of a maintenance medication, the point of sale system will look back 75 days to identify 2 consecutive fills of the same medicine at the same dose, indicating a stable maintenance dose has been achieved. If found, the claim will reject if billed for less than a 90 day supply. Once a 90 day supply of a medication has been filled, all subsequent fills of the same medicine at the same dose will fill for 90 days, assuming sufficient refills of the prescription remain.

For example, when a patient presents to the pharmacy with a prescription for metformin 500 mg twice daily with a year of refills, the first two prescriptions may fill for a 30 day supply. On the 3rd fill of metformin, the claim will reject if billed for less than a 90-day supply. The 90 day supply will apply to all future refills for metformin 500 mg on this and future prescriptions.

For a 90-day supply, Utah Medicaid fee for service members who are subject to cost-sharing will pay a single co-pay. Additionally, pharmacies will receive a single dispensing fee on prescriptions filled for a 90-day supply.

Pharmacy staff are encouraged to work with prescribers to make any necessary changes to prescriptions to conform to this requirement. For example, when a pharmacy receives a prescription written for a 30-day supply with refills for a drug on this program, the pharmacy may contact the prescriber and recommend a modification to the original prescription for a 90-day supply with refills, as appropriate.

The mandatory 90-day policy does not apply to Indian Health Service providers, or Medicaid members receiving long-term services and supports in nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, or home and community-based waiver programs. While not mandatory, 90-day supply fills will remain optional for these groups.

The 90-day supply list can be found in our resource library at <https://medicaid.utah.gov/pharmacy/resource-library>.