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Pharmacy Clarifications

Infusion Drug Claims

The quantity billed for an infusion drug claim is to be in milliliters (ml.) when the drug description contains a volume measurement in milliliters. When the drug description does not contain a volume measurement, bill for the total number of vials dispensed. Kits are to be billed per each.

Example #1: Gentamicin 80 mg. infused daily for 7 days is prescribed and seven vials of Gentamicin 40 mg./ml. 2 ml. vials, are dispensed. Medicaid should be billed for the quantity fourteen (14).

Example #2: Rocephin 2 GM. daily for ten days is prescribed and two vials of Rocephin 10 GM. is used in the dispensing. Medicaid should be billed for the quantity two (2).

Example #3: A Lupron Depot 7.5 mg. kit is ordered and dispensed. Medicaid should be billed for the quantity one (1).

Zyban, Wellbutrin

Drugs used to promote smoking cessation are not reimbursable by Medicaid. This includes the drug bupropion (Zyban, Wellbutrin). In the case of dispensing a drug such as Wellbutrin, it is the dispensing pharmacist's responsibility to determine the diagnosis for which the drug is prescribed.

Vitamins

Medicaid intends to pay for prenatal vitamins only for OB/GYN patients and vitamins with fluoride only for children, i.e., recipients under the age of eighteen. Rugby Therapeutic Vitamin tablets, Goldline B-plex tablets, and Vitalines Renal Multivitamin Formula tablets are only covered for dialysis patient. Physicians must write **FOR DIALYSIS** on the prescription.

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HealthMACS Workshops

The Mississippi Division of Medicaid and EDS staff will be conducting workshops and recruiting primary care providers (PCP) for the managed care program Health Through Medicaid Managed Access to Care and Services (HealthMACS). HealthMACS, a primary care case management program for AFDC/AFDC-related Medicaid eligibles, will be implemented in selected counties on **February 1, 1998**. The selected counties are: **Calhoun, Chickasaw, Clay, Grenada, Lowndes, Monroe, Oktibbeha, Webster, and Yalobusha**. HealthMACS links Medicaid eligibles with a PCP who is responsible for managing the health care needs of Medicaid eligibles assigned to him/her. HealthMACS offers better patient care by providing continuity of services and encouraging more appropriate use of the health care system.

The purpose of the workshops are to discuss the policies of the HealthMACS program, how it changes the way HealthMACS enrollees access care and services, and how medical care provided by health care specialists other than the PCP must be authorized by the PCP for Medicaid to reimburse for the services. Some Medicaid services are excluded from HealthMACS and do not require authorization by the PCP. These services include: podiatry, dental, psychiatry, ophthalmology, eyeglass, hearing aids, nursing home and ICF/MR, and emergency/non-emergency transportation.

Medicaid providers who can be PCPs for HealthMACS are: family practitioners, general practitioners, pediatricians, obstetricians (OB), gynecologists (GYN), internists, and nurse practitioners (pediatric, adult, family, OB-GYN, and certified nurse midwives).

If you are one of the provider types listed above and are interested in being a PCP for HealthMACS, you and/or your representative may want to attend one of the workshops scheduled below. Detailed information about the HealthMACS program will be given during the workshop. PCP requirements and responsibilities will also be addressed. PCP applications and provider agreements will be available. Completed applications for PCP participation in HealthMACS and pre-assignment of recipient enrollment must be received by the Division of Medicaid by December 12, 1997.

November 18, 1997 - 9:00 a.m.
Regency Park Inn
Highway 45 North
Columbus, Mississippi

November 19, 1997 - 9:00 a.m.
Best Western Grenada
1750 Sunset Drive
Grenada, Mississippi

If you provide health care to AFDC/AFDC-related Medicaid eligibles in the counties listed above, you and/or representatives of your office/billing staff may benefit by attending one of the HealthMACS workshops scheduled below. If you are not sure if you need to attend a workshop, please call the Managed Care Hotline, 1-800-627-8488, or the Division of Medicaid Managed Care staff, 1-800-421-2408, for additional information about the program and the workshops.

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