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IHCP reminds providers of specific directions requirement for all prescriptions

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) reminds pharmacy providers that all prescriptions and drug orders must comply with *Indiana Code IC 25-26-13-2* and *Indiana Administrative Code 856 IAC 1-29-2*.

To determine if a prescription adheres to the fee-for-service (FFS) day-supply limits, specific directions are required for all prescriptions:

- All prescriptions, including hard-copy prescriptions, must always state the dose and specific directions being used.
- The IHCP does not pay for prescriptions with directions only stating, “as directed” or “as needed (PRN).”
- When a prescriber provides insufficient instructions – such as missing maximum daily usage of a drug or device or using “as directed/PRN” – the pharmacist must:
 - ⇒ Contact the prescriber for complete directions.
 - ⇒ Document and initial the updated directions on the prescription.
 - ⇒ Bill the IHCP for the **exact days supply** based on the verified directions and prescribed quantity.



FFS day-supply limits include:

- Maintenance medications are limited to no more than a 100-day supply per dispensation.
- Non-Maintenance medications are limited in quantity to no more than a 34-day supply per dispensation.

Audit considerations

Claims submitted with “as directed” or “PRN” directions used to calculate the days supply may be subject to audit and recovery.

For more information

Direct FFS questions to the Optum Rx Pharmacy Audit Department by email at RxAudit.INM@Optum.com.

Questions regarding pharmacy benefits for members in the managed care programs should be referred to the managed care organization (MCO) with which the member is enrolled.

QUESTIONS

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