




State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals
Bureau of Health Services Financing

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 31, 2014

TO: All Louisiana Medicaid Providers

FROM: 
J. Ruth Kennedy, Medicaid Director

SUBJECT: Clarification of Edit on Anti-Anxiety Drugs for Louisiana Legacy Medicaid and Shared Health Plans

On April 2, 2014, quantity limits were implemented for anxiolytics with a denial at Point of Sale (POS) with:

NCPDP rejection error 76 (Quantity and/or days supply exceeds program maximum)
mapped to
EOB Code 457 (Quantity and/or days supply exceeds program maximum)

Override procedure was documented as:

The pharmacist may override the claim denial after consultation with the prescriber, to verify medical necessity of excessive quantity, by submitting in:

*NCPDP 439-E4 field (Reason for Service Code) EX (Excessive Quantity)
NCPDP 440-E5 field (Professional Service Code) M0 (Prescriber Consulted)
NCPDP 441-E6 field (Result of Service Code) 1G (Filled with Prescriber Approval)*

The pharmacist must document the override codes on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system.

These requirements remain the same, but in order for the EX, M0, 1G override to process there must be a valid diagnosis code submitted in NCPDP field 424-DO. The diagnosis code for this override does not have to be specific.

The valid ICD-9-CM diagnosis code must be documented on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system.

Please Note:

The quantity limit will not impact claims and will bypass the edit entirely for the three medications below when they are prescribed for seizures. This was previously documented as:

Exception: Quantity limits should be bypassed for clonazepam (Klonopin®), clonazepam (Tranxene®), and diazepam (Valium®) when an acceptable diagnosis is submitted in NCPDP field 424-DO. Acceptable diagnosis codes that will bypass edit are:

<i>Diagnosis Code (ICD-9)</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>345-345.99</i>	<i>Epilepsy and recurrent seizures</i>
<i>779</i>	<i>Convulsions in newborn</i>
<i>780.33</i>	<i>Post-traumatic seizures</i>
<i>780.39</i>	<i>Convulsions, other than febrile</i>

To accurately determine which prescriptions should be exempt, we are requiring an ICD-9-CM diagnosis code to be documented on the hardcopy prescription or in the pharmacy's electronic recordkeeping system.

Compliance associated with program policy will be verified through the pharmacy compliance audit program.

If you need clarification, you may contact the Pharmacy Help Desk at (800) 437-9101, send a fax to (225) 342-1980, or refer to www.lamedicaid.com. Your continued cooperation and support of the Louisiana Medicaid Program efforts are greatly appreciated.

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