




State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Bureau of Health Services Financing

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 5, 2015
TO: All Louisiana Medicaid Providers
FROM: 
J. Ruth Kennedy, Medicaid Director
SUBJECT: Saphris® Maximum Dose Change and New Diagnosis for Humira® for Fee for Service (FFS) La. Medicaid Pharmacy Program

Effective November 17, 2015, the Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy Program in collaboration with the Louisiana Medicaid Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board has implemented a new maximum dosage for Saphris® and a new diagnosis for Humira® for the FFS La. Medicaid Pharmacy Program.

Pharmacy claims for Saphris® (Asenapine) greater than 20mg daily for recipients 10 years old and up will deny at Point of Sale (POS) with:

NCPDP reject code 88 (DUR Reject Error) mapped to
EOB code 325 (Exceeds Max Daily Dose MD Fax Override Form to 866-797-2329)

Overrides will be addressed using an Override Request Form (Rx PA16) and through contact with staff at the Prior Authorization Unit housed at University of Louisiana (ULM).

A new diagnosis code of “Moderate to Severe Hidradenitis Suppurativa” ICD-10 code L73.2 will be accepted for Humira® (Adalimumab).

Humira® (Adalimumab)	Ankylosing Spondylitis	M08.1, M45.*, M48.8*
	Chron's Disease	K50.*
	Moderate to Severe Hidradenitis Suppurativa	L73.2
	Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis	M08.0*, M08.2*, M08.3, M08.8*, M08.9*
	Psoriatic Arthritis	L40.*
	Rheumatoid Arthritis	M05.*, M06.*, M45.*
	Ulcerative Colitis	K51.*

* - any number or letter or combination of UP TO FOUR numbers and letters of an assigned ICD-10-CM diagnosis code

Compliance associated with program policy will be verified through our Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy Compliance Audit Program.

Your continued cooperation and support of the Louisiana Medicaid Program efforts to coordinate care and improve health are greatly appreciated.

If you have questions about the contents of this memo, you may contact the Pharmacy Help Desk at (800) 437-9101 or refer to www.lamedicaid.com.

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