



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

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 29, 2016
TO: All Louisiana Fee for Service (FFS) Medicaid Providers
FROM: Jen Steele, Medicaid Director
SUBJECT: FFS Pharmacy Point of Sale (POS) edits on Allergen Extracts

Effective May 10, 2016, the Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy Program in collaboration with the Louisiana Medicaid Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board has established Point of Sale (POS) edits on Allergen Extracts.

Physician Prescriber Requirements for Allergen Extracts

Allergen Extracts include: Timothy Grass Pollen Allergen Extract (Grastek®), Short Ragweed Pollen Allergen Extract (Ragwitek®), Grass Mixed Pollens Allergen Extract (Oralair®).

Prescribers of Allergen Extracts must have a specialty of 1) Allergy, 2) Otolaryngology, Rhinology, or 3) Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology, Rhinology. Pharmacy claims for Allergen Extracts from prescribers without these specialties will deny with:

**NCPDP reject code 71 (Prescriber is not covered) mapped to
EOB code 514 (Prescribing provider does not have prescriptive authority)**

There are no override provisions through the Point of Sale (POS) system using NCPDP service codes.

Auto-Injectable Epinephrine Requirement for Allergen Extracts

Pharmacy claims for Allergen Extracts will deny if there are no claims for an auto-injectable epinephrine product within the last year with:

**NCPDP reject code 88 (DUR Reject Error) mapped to
EOB code 668 (Must have epinephrine injection filled within the last year)**

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There are no override provisions through the Point of Sale (POS) system using NCPDP service codes.

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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