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Subject: Clarification on the Reporting of Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Numbers

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Programs Affected: Medicaid, Maternity Outpatient Medical Services (MOMS), Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS), Adult Benefits Waiver (ABW)

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide clarification on existing policy related to the reporting of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) numbers by prescribers and pharmacies.

Prescribers

A practitioner that writes a prescription for a drug must report the correct DEA number on the prescription, as applicable (e.g., controlled substance). Prescriptions written by emergency room practitioners must report his or the supervising practitioner's DEA number. Teaching hospitals must report their DEA number to the dispensing pharmacy.

If a prescriber has not provided his DEA number to MDCH or would like to update his DEA number information currently on file with MDCH, a copy of his DEA Certificate with his Medicaid Provider I.D. Number should be submitted to:

Michigan Department of Community Health
Provider Enrollment Unit
P.O. Box 30238
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Fax Number: (517) 241-8233

Pharmacies

Effective May 1, 2006, MDCH Pharmacy Benefits Manager First Health Services Corporation (FHSC) will deny all Fee-For-Service (FFS) point of sale and paper controlled substances claims if an invalid DEA number is submitted. The reject code for these claims is **NCPDP 56 – Non-Matched Prescriber ID**.

All FFS claims submitted with the pharmacy's DEA number will be denied for payment by FHSC. A pharmacy must report a valid DEA number for prescription drugs when submitting claims. The reject code for a claim with the pharmacy's DEA Number is **NCPDP 25 - M/I Prescriber ID along with an additional transaction message indicating: "Pharmacy DEAs not allowed for claims processing, use Prescriber DEA."** Overrides will not be granted for claims billed with the pharmacy's DEA number.

Note: Pharmacies must only report the DEA number ZZ1111119 if the prescriber does not have a DEA Number.

Teaching hospital pharmacies cannot report their own DEA numbers; they must report the prescriber's or the teaching hospital's DEA number. The pharmacy must contact the prescriber to obtain the correct DEA number for rejected claims. All pharmacy claims that report the incorrect DEA number will be rejected.

MDCH will continue to use post-payment review to ensure that valid DEA numbers are reported.

Manual Maintenance

The provider should retain this bulletin until the information has been incorporated into the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual.

Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Community Health, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mail at ProviderSupport@michigan.gov. When you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

Approved

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