

## Pharmacy Carve Out

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) carved out<sup>1</sup> of New Hampshire Healthy Families' contract the following drugs: drugs used for the treatment of Hepatitis C and hemophilia, and the drugs Carbaglu and Ravicti. These carved-out drugs will be paid by NH Medicaid Fee-for-Service through Magellan, the DHHS pharmacy vendor, beginning August 1, 2016.

DHHS has also made significant changes to the prior authorization criteria for Hepatitis C treatment, making treatment available to more Medicaid recipients.

- a. A fibrosis score is not required because the amount of liver damage is no longer a criterion.
- b. The patient does not have to abstain from using drugs/alcohol before being prescribed the Hepatitis drug.
- c. The drugs may be prescribed by any practitioner who continues their medical education (CME) in the treatment of Hepatitis C in order to prescribe the medications.

With these changes, providers may have patients who were previously denied authorization that would now qualify for approval. Therefore, it may be appropriate for providers to submit a new request for their patient.

Prior authorization requests for the treatment of Hepatitis C for all Medicaid will be processed by Magellan beginning on August 1, 2016.

If the Medicaid recipient has Medicare Part D or primary coverage through a private health insurance plan, prescribing practitioners should request prior authorization from the primary payer for these carved-out drugs. When Medicaid is the secondary payer, the primary insurer's coverage criteria must be met.

Requests for prior authorization must be initiated by the prescriber or the prescriber's agent and may be initiated via phone, fax or mail. The Magellan Medicaid Administration phone number is (866) 675-7755 and the fax number is (888) 603-7696.

### **Emergency Drug Coverage**

Practitioners are reminded that federal statute requires Medicaid programs (Fee-for-Service and managed care) provide payment for dispensing of at least a 72-hour supply for any drugs requiring prior authorizations if prior authorization cannot be obtained outside of Medicaid business hours.

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<sup>1</sup> The Carve Out applies to Pharmacy Claims Only. Drugs billed on a medical claim form will still be billed through the MCO.

*(Section 1927 of the Social Security Act. Codified as Section 1396r-8 of Title 42.(d)(5) (B))*

Your patients should ask their pharmacy to request payment for the 72-hour supply from Magellan Rx Management.

If you have questions regarding the content of this notice, please contact the Magellan Rx Management Clinical Manager at (603) 892-2060. In addition, the Magellan Rx Management Clinical Call Center is available at (866) 675-7755.