

New Mexico Medicaid Communication Update

November 20, 2019

Opioid Naive Prescribing Changes

Effective November 22, 2019, New Mexico Medicaid is implementing prescribing changes for opioid naive Medicaid members in order to adhere to the CMS “Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act”. Opioid naive is defined as an individual who has not taken an opioid medication within the last 60 days.

All prescriptions for extended-release (ER) opioids will be rejected at the pharmacy for opioid naive members. Examples of ER opioids include Morphine, Oxycodone, Oxymorphone, and Hydromorphone extended-release tablets/capsules, or transdermal patches.

Immediate-Release (IR) opioids will only be allowed a 7-day fill on a prescription for opioid naive members. Examples of IR opioids include Oxycodone, Tramadol, Hydrocodone, and those that are not extended-release tablets/capsules.

To verify member opioid usage within the last 60 days, prescribers are required to review and log prescriptions into the New Mexico Prescription Monitoring Program website at <http://www.nmpmp.org/>.

If you have any questions, please call the New Mexico Pharmacy Helpdesk at 1-800-365-4944

Thank you,

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