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**To: All Pharmacy Providers and Prescribing Practitioners**

**Subject: Implementation of High Dose ProDUR Alerts**

*Note: The information referenced below is not directed to those providers rendering services in the risk-based managed care (RBMC) delivery system.*

## Overview

The bulletin announces the implementation of prior authorization for high dose Prospective Drug Utilization Review (ProDUR) alerts effective March 6, 2003. The following is the description of the high dose ProDUR alerts published in provider bulletin *BT200221*, dated May 15, 2002: "High dose has been defined by the Indiana DUR Board as a dose that exceeds the maximum daily dosage based on criteria published by First DataBank." All applicable claims will post a high dose edit *0571-High dose*, if the submitted dose exceeds the First DataBank maximum daily dosage. Prior authorization (PA) will be required for all therapeutic classes and/or drugs unless noted below. The dispensing pharmacist can obtain PA through Health Care Excel (HCE) when a dose exceeds the First DataBank maximum daily dosage.

## Prior Authorization

The PA process will involve the following elements:

- Claim verification
- Maximum daily dose information
- Confirmation of professional communication between the pharmacist and the prescriber

## Exemptions

At this time, the following are the only drugs exempt because the Indiana Rational Drug Program screens them:

- Hydrocodone/APAP
- Oxycodone/APAP
- Oxycodone

## Overrides

The dispensing pharmacist can continue to override the following therapeutic classes and drugs at the point-of-sale (POS) without obtaining PA:

- J5D Beta-Adrenergic Agents
- Q8B Ear Preparations, Misc. Anti-infectives
- Q8W Ear Preparations, Antibiotics
- Q8H Ear Preparations, Local Anesthetics
- Q6I Eye Antibiotic-Corticoid Combinations
- Q6R Eye Antihistamines
- Q6P Eye Anti-inflammatory Agents
- Q6V Eye Antivirals
- Q6H Eye Local Anesthetics
- Q6S Eye Sulfonamides
- Q6C Eye Vasoconstrictors (RX Only)
- Q6G Miotics/Other Intraoc. Pressure Reducers
- H2A Central Nervous System Stimulants
- J1B Cholinesterase Inhibitors
- Guanfacine HCl
- Clonidine HCl
- H2H, H7L, H7K, H7J Monoamine Oxidase (MAO) Inhibitors
- H2E, H2Q Sedative-Hypnotics, Non-Barbiturate
- H2S, H7H Serotonin Specific Reuptake Inhibitor
- H7E Serotonin-2 Antagonist/Reuptake Inhibitors
- H7C Serotonin-Norepinephrine Reuptake-Inhibit
- H2X Tricyclic Antidepressant/Benzodiazepine Combinations
- H2W Tricyclic Antidepressant/Phenothiazine Combinations
- H2U Tricyclic Antidepressants & Rel. Non-SEL. Reuptake Inhibitors
- H2L, H2O Anti-Psychotics, Non-Phenothiazines
- H2G, H2I Anti-Psychotics, Phenothiazines
- H4B, H4C Anticonvulsants
- H7P Antipsychotics, Dopamine, & Serotonin Antagonists
- H2D Barbiturates
- A9A Calcium Channel Blocking Agents
- Q6W Ophthalmic Antibiotics
- Q6U Ophthalmic Mast Cell Stabilizers

- Q6A Ophthalmic Preparations, Miscellaneous
- H2F, H2P Anti-Anxiety Drugs
- H2M Anti-Mania Drugs
- H2V Anti-Narcolepsy/Anti-Hyperkinesis Agents

The Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) along with the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) DUR Board will review the override rate of the high dose alerts, as well as the types of drugs that post the alert to determine the need to exempt additional drugs from POS claim denial or allow a pharmacist to override the alert. The applicable POS edit code is *0571-High dose*. Providers will be notified separately of any exceptions to the high dose override policy.

## Emergency Situations

In instances where PA cannot be immediately obtained, *42 U.S.C. § 1396r-8* provides for dispensing of a 72-hour supply of a covered prescription drug in an emergency situation. Pharmacists who dispense a 72-hour supply of a covered prescription drug will be reimbursed by the IHCP if, subsequent to dispensing in an emergency, indication is made on the claim that the supply was a necessary emergency.

## Additional Information

Refer questions about this policy to HCE Prior Authorization Department at (317) 347-4511 in the Indianapolis local area or 1-800-457-4518.

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