



PROVIDER BULLETIN

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

**Subject: Implementation of Prior Authorization for Therapeutic Duplication 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

This bulletin announces the implementation of prior authorization (PA) for Therapeutic Duplication Prospective Drug Utilization Review (ProDUR) alerts effective July 21, 2003. The description of the Therapeutic Duplication ProDUR alert published in Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) provider bulletin, *BT200221*, dated May 15, 2002, states, "Therapeutic duplication is defined as the use or prescribing of two or more drug products of the same therapeutic class, based on criteria published by First DataBank." The Therapeutic Duplication prior authorization implementation will occur gradually by therapeutic class as defined by First DataBank.

**The first two therapeutic classes being implemented are Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitors (ACES) and Angiotensin Receptor Blockers (ARBS). When further classes requiring PA are implemented provider notification will be sent before the implementation date.**

## Prior Authorization Process

Claims submitted to Affiliated Computer Services, Inc. (ACS) for the ACES and ARBS that post the Therapeutic Duplication alert explanation of benefits (EOB) codes *0572-Therapeutic Dup ProDUR Alert* and *3002-Prior Authorization Required From HCE* will deny at point of service (POS). Pharmacists will not be permitted to override the alert.

- Pharmacists can obtain PA from Health Care Excel (HCE) when one of the drugs has actually been discontinued.
- Prescribers must obtain PA from HCE when multiple products of the same therapeutic class are being dispensed. Supporting clinical rationale for the Therapeutic Duplication is required to support the PA. The PA form for Therapeutic Duplication is available on the IHCP Web site at: [http://www.indianamedicaid.com/ihcp/Forms/RDP\\_Auth.pdf](http://www.indianamedicaid.com/ihcp/Forms/RDP_Auth.pdf)

## Emergency Situations

In instances when 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 the HCE Pharmacy Benefit Management Call Center at (317) 347-4511 in the Indianapolis local area or 1-800-457-4518.