



Medicaid Alert

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TO: Providers of Pharmaceutical Services – **For Action**
Managed Care Organizations – **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: Adoption of Additional National Council for Prescription Drug Program (NCPDP) Telecommunication Standards

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

PURPOSE: To notify providers of pharmaceutical services of additional NCPDP telecommunication standards being adopted by the New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS).

BACKGROUND: The Division is adopting additional NCPDP telecommunication standards to address multiple prescriptions for Schedules II-V drugs that exceed the 30-day dispensing rule.

ACTION: The Medicaid Alert No. MA-2020-05 described Error Code 2331 (Date Rx written > 30 days old Schedule II-V) which denies pharmacy claims when the prescription written date is greater than thirty (30) days prior to the claim service date for Schedule II-V controlled drugs. The Alert may be found at www.njmmis.com.

Due to prescribing practices that allow Schedule II-V prescriptions with the same prescription written date to be dispensed with a future dispense date(s) that may exceed the 30-day dispensing rule, Error Code 2331 may inappropriately deny these claims. To allow these prescriptions to be considered for payment, pharmacies should report the **Submission Clarification Code (SCC) value of “10”** (NCPDP field 414-DE) which will bypass the posting of Error Code 2331.

Claims conflicting with this 30-day dispensing rule not reporting a SCC value of “10” shall be denied payment by Error Code 2331.

If you have any questions concerning this Newsletter, please contact Gainwell Technologies Provider Services at 1-800-776-6334.

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