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# Medicaid Alert

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**TO:** Physicians, Advanced Practice Nurses, Providers of  
Pharmaceutical Services – **For Action**  
Managed Care Organizations – **For Information Only**

**SUBJECT:** Expiration of Pharmacy-related Billing Accommodations  
implemented in Response to the Federal Public Health  
Emergency (PHE)

**EFFECTIVE:** Claims with service dates on or after May 12, 2023

**BACKGROUND:** The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS), the Division of Aging Services (DoAS) and the Division of HIV/AIDS, TB & STD Services, AIDS Drug Distribution Program (ADDP), in the Alert MA-2020-01, announced billing procedure changes for pharmacy services intended to ensure access to prescribed medications during the State's Public Health Emergency (PHE) by making accommodations in the State's Point-of-Sale (POS) claims processing system. These changes included allowing the dispensing of a ninety (90) days' supply of maintenance medications and early prescription refills. Additionally, signature requirements for dispensed prescriptions were suspended during the PHE.

**ACTION:** Effective May 12, 2023, in response to the expiration of the federal PHE, the POS billing accommodations implemented by DMAHS/DoAS/ADDP in response to the federal PHE are being discontinued. POS billing procedures in place prior to the PHE, including signature requirements, are being re-implemented.

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