DME MACs and CMS COVID-19 Updates

Dear Valued Customer,

Change Healthcare is committed to keeping you informed regarding the ongoing publications related to COVID-19. The details are rapidly changing, and these CSAs are one way we are sharing the details that pertain specifically to our pharmacy customers.

This notification is to inform you of the following items recently published by CMS, HHS, NCPDP and the DME MACs as they relate to pharmacies.

Also included is an outline of previously published notifications to help consolidate all COVID-19 items into one reference guide.

(The below details are directly from publications provided from the above sources)

New / Updated Items of Interest


Pharmacists can work with a physician or other practitioner to provide assessment and specimen collection services, and the physician or other practitioner can bill Medicare for the services. Pharmacists also can perform certain COVID-19 tests if they are enrolled in Medicare as a laboratory, in accordance with a pharmacist’s scope of practice and state law. With these changes, beneficiaries can get tested at "parking lot" test sites operated by pharmacies and other entities consistent with state requirements. Such point-of-care sites are a key component in expanding COVID-19 testing capacity.

Click here to access the CMS news release.

We encourage your review of this news release for additional information regarding pharmacy involvement.

2. HRSA COVID-19 Uninsured Reimbursement Program
As part of the FFCRA and (CARES) Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), will provide claims reimbursement to health care providers generally at Medicare rates for testing uninsured patients for COVID-19 and treating uninsured patients with a COVID-19 diagnosis. The Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) has contracted with UnitedHealth Group to be the sole administrator of the HRSA COVID-19 Uninsured Program.

Reimbursement under this program will be made for qualifying testing for COVID-19 and treatment services with a primary COVID-19 diagnosis, as determined by HRSA (subject to adjustment as may be necessary), which include the following:

i. Specimen collection, diagnostic and antibody testing, and more. HRSA details can be found at: https://www.hrsa.gov/CovidUninsuredClaim.

This plan is billable via Change Healthcare for non-pharmacy providers as of Wednesday, May 6, 2020, and more specifically will be available via our MedRx platform as of Friday, May 8, 2020, pending confirmation from the program administrator that pharmacies/pharmacists are eligible for claims reimbursement.

3. NCPDP announces the availability of urgent industry guidance to aid pharmacists in expanding COVID-19 testing across the country.

Click here to access the NCPDP Emergency Preparedness Information Version 1.7 document.

Please note Payers continue to evaluate these billing requirements to establish the appropriate benefit coverage, either medical or pharmacy. Change Healthcare is actively engaged with the payers to closely monitor and will communicate as updates become available.

Previously Published CSAs Related to COVID-19

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Change Healthcare continues to monitor this rapidly evolving situation and will provide updates as circumstances change.
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Thanks for your attention to this announcement,

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