



Medicaid FFS Pharmacy

Change in Early Fill Edit for Controlled Substances

Effective February 22, 2018, per the 2017-18 enacted budget, the pharmacy early fill edit will be adjusted for controlled substances and will decrease early fill parameters based on days' supply on hand in an effort to further reduce overutilization, stockpiling and/or diversion of drugs.

This more stringent edit will deny a claim for a controlled substance, if more than a 7-day supply of the medication is remaining of the cumulative amount that has been dispensed over the previous 90 days. This supersedes previous guidance in the [March 2015 Medicaid Update](#), **for early fills of controlled substances only.**

Section 365-a (2)(g-1) of Social Services law was amended to create this new 7 day supply limit for controlled substances. In addition, this further aligns with Section 3339 of New York State Public Health Law relating to early refill limits on controlled substances

Members will still have the ability to refill their prescription(s) early, allowing for ample supply of their medication(s) on hand.

The determination of an early fill will be applied to all claims for the same drug product and strength, regardless of prescribing provider, billing provider, or prescription number.

Like the current eMedNY claim denial messaging, eMedNY will indicate the reason for denial and specify the date that is the earliest the claim will be accepted for payment in the Response DUR/PPS Segment field 544- FY- (DUR Free Text Message). This can be found in the ProDUR/ECCA Provider manual and is shown below:

New edit 02242 (Early Fill Overuse, 7 or 10-day Supply Threshold)

NCPDP Reject Code- "88"- (DUR Error) and "ER"- (Overuse) will be returned in the rejected Response Status Segment field 511-FB- (Reject Code). The Response DUR/PPS Segment field 544-FY- FY REJECT- DRUG OVERUSE **(DYS)** XX/XX/XX

Existing edit 01642 (Early Fill Overuse, 75% Threshold)

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