

PUBLIC NOTICE

Wyoming Department of Health Drug Utilization Review Provisions of SUPPORT Act

Public notice is hereby given that the Wyoming Department of Health intends to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the United States Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Upon CMS approval, the proposed changes will update Section 4.26, Drug Utilization Review Program, as indicated in SPA, which will be effective October 1, 2019.

Wyoming Medicaid is updating this State Plan Amendment to document, in accordance with Section 1004 of the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act (SUPPORT Act), the system edits, processes and procedures that will address the Drug Utilization Review (DUR) provisions of that Act. Specifically, the State Plan Amendment describes Wyoming Medicaid's claims review limitations for opioids and other controlled substances. All controlled substances covered by Medicaid will be subject to a 90% refill tolerance edit. Opioid drug utilization will be limited to a daily morphine milligram equivalent maximum. Concomitant use of multiple long acting opioid or multiple short acting opioid medications will not be covered. Concomitant use of an opioid and a benzodiazepine will not be covered without prior authorization approval. The SPA also sets forth the procedure the Department will use to monitor concurrent use of opioids and antipsychotics and promote improved coordination of care for clients who are prescribed drugs in both classes.

Additionally, the SPA describes the use of consulting child psychiatrists to assist in monitoring and managing psychotropic medication use in all Medicaid covered children, including foster children.

Finally, the SPA describes the Wyoming Medicaid pharmacy lock-in program as well as monitoring activities that the Department uses to identify potential program fraud, waste and abuse.

There is no anticipated federal fiscal impact associated with this amendment.

Copies of the Wyoming Medicaid State Plan will be available at the Department of Health, Division of Healthcare Financing. To obtain a copy of the State Plan Amendment, contact:

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