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PROVIDER UPDATE

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To: IMCare Providers & Pharmacies
From: Adam J. Pavek, Pharm.D, IMCare Pharmacy Director
Date: December 20, 2018
RE: 2019 IMCare Formularies

Please use the enclosed IMCare Medicaid pocketbook for IMCare Medicaid members until July 1, 2019.

- The Medicaid pocketbook is IMCare’s Medicaid formulary and is also available on the IMCare website at www.imcare.org.
- The IMCare Medicaid pocketbook will be updated in July 2019 to reflect the requirement IMCare will have to follow the MHCP Fee-For-Service Uniform PDL.

The January 2019 IMCare Medicare Part D formulary is available on the IMCare website.

- A hard-copy of the Medicare formulary is not available, as it changes monthly. If a medication is not covered on the Medicare Part D formulary, then the Medicaid Wrap Formulary is to be used. The Medicaid Wrap Formulary contains specific classes of drugs (OTCs, Cough and Cold Drugs, Vitamins and Minerals) as defined by the State. The IMCare pocketbook (Medicaid Formulary) is not applicable to Medicare members.

Over-the-counter (OTC) products: Cheap, Effective, Covered (for now)

- Currently, a wide variety of OTC products are included on the Medicaid formulary and Wrap formularies
 - Prescription medications with an available OTC equivalent will often reject at the pharmacy with the reject message, “Drug Not Covered”. In most instances, the actual drug is covered, and substituting to an available OTC equivalent will result in a paid claim.
 - IMCare does not require prescriber authorization for OTC substitutions.
 - Pharmacists may prescribe OTC’s to IMCare members
- The Department of Human Services may not allow IMCare to cover certain OTC nicotine replacement therapies, allergy medications, prenatal vitamins and other OTC products. If DHS plans to enforce this change we will provide an opportunity for you to provide feedback to DHS and provide you with the information related to the change and potential disruption to your patients.

Formulary Exceptions/Prior Authorization

- When filling out an IMCare 'Formulary Exception' request form (available on the IMCare website), please refer to the above formularies and include the following:
 1. Patient name and IMCare ID number
 2. Prescriber name, address, and telephone number
 3. Drug name, strength, and directions
 4. Diagnosis (including ICD code/s)
 5. Patient medical and medication history
 6. Formulary medications tried and failed
 7. Reason that the formulary prior authorization, step therapy and/or managed drug limitation (quantity limit) requirement is not clinically appropriate or the non-formulary medication is necessary

If this information is not on the form, you will be contacted and asked to provide the information. IMCare does not accept authorization requests submitted in other formats or on other forms.

For any questions or comments regarding IMCare formularies or the IMCare drug authorization process, please contact me directly at (218) 327-6765 or by email at adam.pavek@co.itasca.mn.us. I greatly appreciate any and all feedback.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure: 2019 IMCare Medicaid Formulary pocketbook