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ADVISORY

In an effort to give timely notice to the pharmacy community concerning important pharmacy topics, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's (DHMH) Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program (MMPP) has developed the Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program Advisory. To expedite information timely to the pharmacy and prescriber communities, an email network has been established which incorporates the email lists of the Maryland Pharmacists Association, EPIC, CARE, Long Term Care Consultants, headquarters of all chain drugstores and prescriber associations and organizations. It is our hope that the information is disseminated to all interested parties. If you have not received this email through any of the previously noted parties or via DHMH, please contact the MMPP representative at 410-767-1455.

Quantity Limits and Dose Optimization

The Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program has consolidated all quantity and dose optimization limits on drugs such as opioids, antipsychotics, anti-migraine agents, anti-emetics, etc. A comprehensive list of these limits is located on the Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program webpage <http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/mma/mpap/>. Look for Quantity Limits on the "Information for Providers" menu. As quantity limits and dose optimization for other drugs are developed, they will be added to this list.

Now there is a single form which should be used to request an override for excess quantity for both Maryland Medicaid fee-for-service patients and the MCO carve-out drugs. Prescribers must complete this form (Quantity Limit Override Request Form) for any drug that incurs a denial for the following exception codes:

- 4126 – Plan limitations exceeded
- 4165 – Plan limitations exceeded
- 4560 – Maximum quantity exceeded
- 4656 – PA Required. Max quantity allowed is exceeded.
- 4703 – PA required. Patient does not meet criteria. Call ACS at 1-800-932-3918

This new form is available online at [http://mdrxprograms.com/docs/medicaid/MD_Quantity_Limit\(34141-Activated,Traditional\).pdf](http://mdrxprograms.com/docs/medicaid/MD_Quantity_Limit(34141-Activated,Traditional).pdf) or by calling 1-800-932-3918.