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Web Announcement 2143

Attention Prescribers and Pharmacies: Hydroxychloroquine and Chloroquine Diagnosis Requirements on Prescriptions and Guidance for Treatment of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Effective March 20, 2020, hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine prescriptions will require a diagnosis code on the prescription. Hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine will be covered only for Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved indications and for the treatment of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) when dispensed in compliance with guidance from the Nevada Board of Pharmacy.

Prescribers are encouraged to include the applicable diagnosis code on written prescriptions for inclusion on the electronic pharmacy claim. The submitted claim should include a Diagnosis Code Qualifier (field 492-WE) of "02," indicating ICD-10, as well as the appropriate Diagnosis Code (Field 424-DO). Claims for hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine will be denied if the diagnosis information is not included. For questions related to this requirement, please contact the OptumRx Clinical Call Center at (855) 455-3311.

To obtain an override for patients using hydroxychloroquine or chloroquine for COVID-19, pharmacists must verify that the prescription complies with the guidance below issued by the Nevada Board of Pharmacy and must contact the OptumRx Technical Call Center at (866) 244-8554.

Hydroxychloroquine and Chloroquine Restrictions

Prescriptions for hydroxychloroquine or chloroquine related to COVID-19 may ONLY be dispensed for the treatment of the virus, NOT for the prevention of the virus, and must comply with the following:

- a) The patient has a diagnosis of COVID-19 and the diagnosis is indicated on the prescription;
- b) The prescription is limited to no more than a fourteen (14) day supply;
- c) No refills may be permitted unless a new prescription is furnished; and
- d) The pharmacist confirms that the prescribing practitioner submitted an individual "compassionate use" or expanded access request with the FDA (FDA Form 3926).

The above restrictions and additional COVID-19 response efforts and guidance can be accessed at the Nevada Board of Pharmacy COVID-19 Information webpage: http://bop.nv.gov/resources/ALL/COVID-19_Information/