

Oklahoma Medicaid Pharmacy Update

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Dear Pharmacy Provider,

We would like to remind you that beginning March 1, 2003, **all Medicaid pharmacy claims must be submitted using NCPDP version 5.1**. If you are currently able to process claims in version 5.1, please begin using that version now. The response messages are designed for version 5.1 and may be more helpful than the version 3.2C messages. If you are not able or are uncertain of your ability to process claims with version 5.1, please contact your software vendor immediately.

In response to recent questions regarding the change in prior authorization of non-sedating antihistamines, OTC loratadine products, for eligible minor clients, still require a prescription. Please dispense and submit claims using the appropriate OTC loratadine NDC number. Alavert products and the Geneva Generic product are now covered In addition to the Claritin brand products.

Alavert 10mg tab 6's NDC – 00573-2620-06

Alavert 10mg tab 12's NDC – 00573-2620-12

Alavert 10mg tab 24's NDC – 00573-2320-24

Alavert 10mg tab 48's NDC – 00573-2320-48

Loratidine 10mg tab 100's NDC – 00781-5077-01

If you process your claims using Envoy/WebMD as your switch vendor, you may be experiencing excessive down time with Oklahoma Medicaid. The problem has been isolated and identified as a problem on the Envoy side and is being worked as quickly as possible. Claim submission through other switch vendors is not affected.

Thank you for your continued service to Oklahoma's Medicaid clients.

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