

Oklahoma Medicaid Pharmacy Update

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Dear Pharmacy Provider,

The time limit for reversing and resending claims is 30 days plus the days supply.

Examples:

30 day supply = 30 day supply + 30 days = up to 60 days from first date of submission

90 day supply = 90 day supply + 30 days = up to 120 days from the first date of submission

This does not affect claims that have not yet been submitted. For example, if a patient enters a nursing home and is waiting for eligibility approval, the claims may be sent up to one year from date of service.

Beginning 8/25/2003 Ranitidine capsules and effervescent tablets will require a prior authorization. After reviewing utilization data, the Drug Utilization Review Board and the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Board of Directors agreed that the capsules and effervescent tablets should be closely monitored at this time. No prior authorization will be required for other forms of Ranitidine.

Beginning 9/01/2003 OHCA will begin to cost avoid pharmacy claims for adult clients with other third party coverage. Pharmacies will need to bill the third party insurer before Medicaid will reimburse for services rendered. Pharmacies that utilize POS (Point Of Sale) will receive the third party information on the client in the denied response from EDS. Once the pharmacy receives this information they will then need to bill the third party insurer. If the third party denies payment or does not pay the entire claim, then Medicaid can then be billed for the remainder. More information on TPL cost avoidance will be included in future communications.

Please contact the pharmacy help desk if you have questions regarding these new screening areas.

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

Pharmacy Help Desk Telephone Numbers 405-522-6205, option 4 or 1-800-522-0114, option 4

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