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Important Information Regarding Illinois SeniorCare

Purpose

Effective **10/16/2002**, the Illinois Department of Public Aid's (IDPA) **SeniorCare** prescription drug program will be federally mandated to implement **Coordination Of Benefits (COB)** to SeniorCare members with Medicare Part B coverage.

Background

SeniorCare is a Pharmacy Assistance Program for low-income Illinois seniors. A Federal waiver will permit Illinois to extend pharmacy benefits to low income seniors age 65 or above who are:

1. at or below the Federal Poverty Level by 200%, and
2. are not otherwise eligible for pharmacy benefits under the State plan approved under Title XIX of the Act (Medicaid).

Retail pharmacy providers will be responsible for Coordination of Benefits and will receive 100% of the Medicare allowable for Senior Care with Medicare Part B coverage.

COB Processing Steps

1. Submit all SeniorCare claims to ESI.
2. For SeniorCare members with Medicare Part B coverage, claims will reject with Reject 41.
 - Reject 41 message: "Submit bill to other processor or primary payer."
3. Submit claim to Medicare online, or manually to DMERC.
4. If Medicare denies the claim, please call ESI to obtain a Prior Authorization override, then resubmit the claim online to ESI for payment. No future rejects will occur for the same claim.
5. If Medicare pays their portion of the Medicare allowable, submit a Universal Claim Form (UCF) to ESI for the remaining portion of the Medicare allowable amount. Please remember to include a copy of the Explanation of Medicare Benefits (EOMB) and the drug's NDC.
6. Please send UCF's to:
 - Express Scripts, Inc.
 - PO Box 66773
 - St. Louis, MO 63166-6773
 - ATTN: Claims Department.

COB Processing Steps (cont.)

7. SeniorCare members with Medicare Part B coverage will always have a \$0.00 copay on Medicare drugs that return a Reject Code 41.
8. The Medicare Drug List is customized to include only drugs that are most covered by Medicare. The list of SeniorCare Medicare drugs can be obtained at www.seniorcareillinois.com. You can also contact ESI for this list.

Prior Authorization Processing Steps

1. There are four drugs that will only be covered by Medicare if the appropriate diagnosis code is entered. The drugs are Methotrexate (being used for Cancer) and Zofran, Kytril, and Anzemet (being used for Chemo Patients). If these drugs are being used for other diagnoses, contact ESI for a prior authorization number.
2. A Prior Authorization number can be obtained from ESI to process the claim on-line by calling 1-800-824-0898.

non-COB SeniorCare

1. Enter BIN Number: **003858**
2. Enter Processor Control Number: **A4**
3. Enter Rx Group Number: **IDRA**
4. Enter Member ID Number: **9 digit SS# + 00**
5. Enter Date of Birth: **MM/DD/YYYY**
6. Prescriber's ID #: **DEA #**

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SeniorCare State of Illinois		
RxBIN	003858	
RxPCN	A4	
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Please call us toll-free at 877-256-4677.