

# Alaska Medical Assistance Newsletter

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## Opioid Reversal Agents

The risk of death from opioid overdose increases when an individual has had a previous opioid overdose experience. To provide a safety net for patients who have experienced prior opioid overdoses, Alaska Medicaid will alert a pharmacist filling a prescription for an opioid reversal agent when the patient has filled three or more prescriptions for naloxone within a 365-day rolling period.

PHARMACISTS are asked to intervene with the prescriber and inquire if any modifications of the patient's opioid regimen are warranted.

PRESCRIBERS are asked to review high-risk patients' regimens to consider modifications.

For more information on this safety net, please review the Analgesics, Opioid & Reversal Agents information available at <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dhcs/Pages/pharmacy/medpriorauthoriz.aspx#analgesics-opioid>.

To learn more about opioid prescribing and risks, please visit the CDC Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain at <http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.rr6501e1>. To aid prescribers and providers in decreasing the risk of opioid dependence, overdose and death, the CDC also has resources available at <http://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/prescribing/resources.html>.

## Date of Service is Date of Seatment

In accordance with 7 AAC 110.145(h), when billing for permanent crowns, partials, and dentures, the date of service must be the seatment date of the appliance. Medicaid does not provide interim or partial payments for incomplete or in-progress dental services.

## Pharmacogenetics Policy Clarification and Covered Codes

Alaska Medicaid has issued a policy clarification regarding covered and non-covered pharmacogenetics testing (see *Medicaid Policy Clarification: Pharmacogenetics Testing*, available at <http://manuals.medicicaidalaska.com/docs/updates.htm>).

## Taxi Rates Billed to Alaska Medicaid Cannot Exceed Taxi Rates for the General Public

7 AAC 105.400(24) prohibits enrolled providers from billing Alaska Medicaid a higher rate for services furnished to an Alaska Medicaid recipient than for comparable services furnished to an individual who is not eligible for Medicaid.

Providers who fail to comply with 7 AAC 105.400(24) will be required under 7 AAC 105.410 to repay those claims, and may be subject to additional audits, prepayment review of claims, temporary suspension, and/or permanent termination from the Alaska Medicaid program.

Please make sure the rate you bill to Alaska Medicaid is not higher than your rate for the general public.

## Documents Required for Genetic Testing Claims

All genetic testing must be medically necessary, and all genetic testing claims must be accompanied by a lab report and a completed Genetic Testing Supporting Information form, available at

<http://manuals.medicidalaska.com/docs/forms.htm>.

## Coverage Update: Fluoride Varnish Application by Nurses and Medical Assistants

Alaska Medicaid now covers dental fluoride varnish application provided by a nurse or medical assistant if delegated by a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.

For more information on training requirements, limitations of coverage, and billing instructions please see the updated provider flyer *Coverage of Dental Fluoride Varnish and Oral Evaluations Provided by Non-Dental Providers* dated 08/23/2016, available at <http://manuals.medicidalaska.com/docs/updates.htm>.

## Holiday Closures

The State of Alaska offices will be closed Tuesday, October 18, 2016 in observance of Alaska Day.

## Pharmacy Program Updates

Alaska Medicaid will incorporate claims processing edits into the pharmacy point of sale system on 10/03/2016 for the following medications: Belsomra®, Cosentyx®, Fortamet®, Glumetza®, Lemtrada®, Lyrica®, Orkambi®, Praluent®, Repatha®, and Tecfidera®.

Revised clinical prior authorization criteria will go into effect on 10/03/2016 for the following medications: Botulinum toxin preparations, H.P. Acthar Gel®, human growth hormone, Kalydeco®, lidocaine patch, Serostim®, and Xifaxan®.

A claims processing edit in the pharmacy point of sale system will become effective 11/30/2016 for Movantik™.

Butrans® Patch will no longer require prior authorization; however, prescriptions for Butrans® will continue to require "Medically Necessary" documentation as required under 7 AAC 120.112(7)(B) until the Preferred Drug List is updated under regulation.

These changes reflect work by the Alaska Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Committee. For more information, please refer to the 08/22/2016 *Pharmacy Program Changes and Updates* flyer at <http://manuals.medicidalaska.com/docs/pharmacy.htm>.



## Drug Utilization Review Update – Direct Acting Antivirals

Alaska Medicaid has incorporated several claims processing updates regarding Direct Acting Antivirals. For details, please see provider flyer *Drug Utilization Review Update – Direct Acting Antivirals* at <http://manuals.medicidalaska.com/docs/pharmacy.htm>.

## Provider Training Dates

Alaska Medicaid is coming to your area! In September, training is scheduled in Barrow and via WebEx. In October, training is scheduled in Fairbanks and via WebEx.

September	
WebEx	September 13 — 15
Barrow	September 20 — 22
October	
WebEx	October 18 — 20
Fairbanks	October 25 — 27

### Register Today!

Alaska Medicaid training courses will guide you and your staff in understanding and billing for services reimbursed by Alaska Medicaid and Denali KidCare. Included are introductory courses such as Member Eligibility, Adjustments and Voids, Claims Management, and Service Authorizations. Register online at <http://learn.medicaidalaska.com>.

## Ask Medicaid

**Q:** Under what circumstances does Alaska Medicaid cover acuity payments?

**A:** Alaska Medicaid may cover acuity payments for a member receiving residential supported living or residential habilitation services in a licensed assisted living home. The member must have physical or behavioral needs requiring one-to-one support from direct care workers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (24/7), in all environments.

The provider must have staff available and awake to meet the one-to-one staff-recipient ratio 24/7 for each member receiving acuity services.

The member's care coordinator must request a service authorization for acuity payments and provide detailed documentation of the member's need for 24/7 one-to-one services. If the services are approved, the provider must continue to document the acuity services provided.

For additional information and an example of required service notes, see provider flyer *Acuity Rate Provider Documentation Guidelines* available at <http://manuals.medicaidalaska.com/docs/updates.htm>.

