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RE: Medically Necessary Early Refills due to COVID-19 Preparedness

Dear Providers,

Members served by Alaska Medicaid may have situations where early refills are medically necessary as a result of emergency preparedness around the state in response to the COVID-19 virus.

Alaska Medicaid will be relaxing early refill edits in the Pharmacy point-of-sale adjudication system on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 as follows:

- 30-day prescriptions will allow a refill when members have 2 weeks of medication on-hand;
- 90-day prescriptions will allow a refill when members have 3 weeks of medication on-hand;
- 30-day opioid prescriptions will allow a refill when members have 7 days of medication on-hand.

Pharmacies should contact the Magellan Clinical Call Center at 800.331.4475 in the event you are assisting an individual who requires a medically necessary early refill that falls outside of the above system edit parameters; there may be patient-specific situations that arise necessitating additional on-hand medication (e.g., quarantine, etc.). The Magellan Clinical Call Center is prepared to receive phone calls from Pharmacy Providers to assist members during these evolving conditions.

Providers are reminded that Alaska Medicaid allows 90-day fills for medications on the following list:
<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dhcs/Documents/pharmacy/Documents/90-Days-supply-medication-list.pdf>. (eff. 05/18/14)

Thank you for serving our members during this time. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Magellan Clinical Call Center or our staff if you have questions.

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	Non-Opioid		Opioid Narcotics
	30 day	90 day	30 day
Early Refill Tolerance	50%	75%	83%
Accumulation	15 days	21 days	7 days