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RE: Medically Necessary Early Refills due to Wildfires

Dear Providers,

Members served by Alaska Medicaid may have situations where early refills are medically necessary as a result of wildfires around the state. Such conditions may be the result of increased respiratory stress due to poor air quality or loss due to evacuation or displacement. Pharmacies are encouraged to 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 as a result of the wildfires to obtain an override.

As a reminder, under standard coverage policy Alaska Medicaid allows for a 7-day accumulation of a 30-day medication fill to encourage individuals to maintain an emergency supply. We encourage pharmacies to help educate members as part of emergency preparedness in Alaska. Additional information on refills may be found in the [Pharmacy Billing Manual](#).

Thank you for serving our members during this challenging 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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