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Medical Advisory Letter (MAL) No. 601

TO: All Eligible Medicaid Providers
Directors, County Departments of Job and Family Services
Chief Executive Officers, Managed Care Plans

FROM: John B. McCarthy, Director

SUBJECT: Coverage of insect repellent to combat the Zika virus effective June 6, 2016

Summary

This Medical Advisory Letter (MAL) outlines the coverage of insect repellents effective June 6, 2016.

Policy Guidance

Effective for dates of service on or after June 6, 2016, Ohio Medicaid covers insect repellent in response to the urgent public health issue associated with the Zika virus.

Insect repellent is covered through the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) program for any Medicaid consumer when appropriate to aid in preventing infection with the Zika virus. A prescription for insect repellent from an eligible Medicaid prescriber is required for coverage.

In the fee-for-service Medicaid program, HCPCS procedure code T5999 "Supply, not otherwise specified" has been activated to allow payment for insect repellent in response to the potential threat of mosquitos carrying the Zika virus. Eligible providers of DME services may dispense insect repellents to eligible Medicaid consumers as prescribed using this procedure code.

If a consumer is enrolled with a managed care plan, please contact the plan directly for their billing requirements.

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Additional Information

Providers who have questions about program coverage and limitations on DMEPOS may call the DMEPOS Question Line and Voice Mailbox at 614-466-1503. No response will be given to questions involving individual recipient eligibility, the submission of a new prior authorization request, the status of an existing prior authorization request, or a previously submitted claim.

Questions pertaining to this letter should be directed to the Ohio Department of Medicaid:

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