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TO: Eligible Medicaid Providers
Chief Executive Officers, Managed Care Plans
Other Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: *Payment for Covered Pharmacists' Services Provided by a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Clinic (RHC)*

Effective January 17, 2021, the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) will begin covering pharmacists' services in accordance with new rule 5160-8-52 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

Covered pharmacists' services provided by an FQHC or RHC will be treated as medical services under the prospective payment system (PPS) in accordance with Chapter 5160-28 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), Section 330 of the Public Health Services Act, and 42 U.S.C. chapter 6A. Therefore, on a PPS claim, ODM will pay for a covered pharmacist service furnished by an FQHC or RHC in exactly the same way as it would be for any other PPS medical service.

1. When a pharmacist renders a covered medical service and no other medical service is rendered that day, the service will be paid under the PPS as a single FQHC medical visit.
2. When a pharmacist renders a covered medical service on the same day as another FQHC medical service, both services will be paid under the PPS as a single FQHC medical visit.
3. When a pharmacist renders a covered medical service on the same day as a PPS behavioral health service, the services will be paid under the PPS as two separate FQHC visits (one medical, one behavioral health).

The Medicaid managed care organizations pay FQHC and RHC claims in accordance with Chapter 5160-26 of the OAC.

Additional Information

Information about the services and programs of the Ohio Department of Medicaid may be accessed through the main webpage at <http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov>.

Questions

Questions pertaining to this MAL may be directed to the Ohio Department of Medicaid.

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