



## ***Network Notification***

**Date:** July 12, 2016  
**To:** Kentucky Medicaid health care providers  
**From:** Humana – CareSource®  
**Subject:** Home infusion therapy prior authorization requirements, pharmacy criteria and billing guidelines

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To streamline home infusion therapy prior authorizations, Humana – CareSource updated requirements for home infusion therapy services.

### **Prior authorization**

Effective April 1, 2016, Humana – CareSource no longer requires **prior authorization for home infusion therapy services** that meet the following criteria:

- Services are rendered by a participating preferred home infusion therapy provider
- Services are rendered in accordance with the most recent Humana – CareSource [policy](#) on home infusion therapy
- Services are rendered in accordance with Humana – CareSource [home infusion therapy prior authorization requirements](#)

Providers must also confirm the prescribed medication does not require prior authorization according to the [Medications that Require Authorization on the Medical Benefit](#) list.

### **Billing guidelines**

For efficient claims processing, please adhere to the following billing guidelines:

- For all compounded home infusion therapies (total parenteral nutrition [TPN], antibiotics, pain management, etc.) billed through the pharmacy benefit, providers also must bill the services through the medical benefit using the medication's proper J-code.
- Providers must submit home infusion therapy claims on a CMS-1500 claim form. For more efficient claims processing, Humana – CareSource prefers electronic submissions to paper submissions.
- Providers do not need to include medical information when submitting claims. Humana – CareSource will request more information when necessary. Please keep medical information on file in your patients' medical records.
- Providers must submit medications with the appropriate Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code and National Drug Code (NDC) with units as defined by the code description. For drugs without a specific HCPCS code, use J3490 (unclassified drugs) or J9999 (not otherwise classified antineoplastic drugs) and include the drug description, dosage and units. The units must equal the number of doses used.

For patients receiving multiple drugs, please note the following billing requirements:

- Providers must submit the most frequently administered drug therapy as the primary therapy.
- Providers must use modifiers SH or SJ:

- SH identifies the second concurrently administered infusion therapy.
- SJ identifies the third or more concurrently administered infusion therapy.

For patients receiving continuous infusions, please note the following billing requirements:

- Submit the therapy billing as delivered once every 24 hours.

### **Pharmacy criteria**

In order to administer home infusion therapy services, a pharmacy must meet the following criteria:

- Have an appropriate state pharmacy license to provide home infusion services
- Provide a full range of home infusion services including, but not limited to:
  - Sterile product preparation, following the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) guidelines for sterile compounding
  - Policies and procedures manual, addressing sterile preparation of products, clinical services, drug disposal, drug dispensing, labeling and quality assurance
  - Satisfactory physical space and equipment requirements
  - 24-hour on-call pharmacists and nurses
  - Shipping services
  - Cytotoxic-agent handling services
  - Proper pharmacy counseling and review services
  - Administrative and professional pharmacy services, care coordination and all necessary supplies and equipment as defined by applicable home infusion HCPCS codes

### **More information**

For more information about home infusion therapy billing, please visit [www.caresource.com](http://www.caresource.com) and select the “Providers” tab, then select Kentucky, then the Medicaid plan to access the appropriate pharmacy web page.

For more information, please call Humana – CareSource pharmacy staff at 1-855-852-7005. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, Eastern time.