



Network Notification

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To: Contracted Home Health Agencies and Hospital-based
Home Health Agencies

From: CareSource

Subject: Pharmacy Benefit changes as mandated by ODJFS
Effective 2-1-10

As part of our ongoing commitment to timely and clearly articulated communication of policy or process changes, the information listed below supplements current policies to include those listed in the CareSource Provider Manual.

Effective Monday, February 1, 2010, prescription drug coverage for members of Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MCPs) will transfer to the Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) program. This change is required due to the State of Ohio's decision to carve out the Medicaid pharmacy benefit from all MCPs coverage of services. This change includes retail prescription drugs and those that are administered in the patient's home, including drugs administered through a home health agency.

CareSource providers will be required to contact the FFS vendor, ACS, for medication prior authorizations. All Medicaid consumers will have the same list of covered drugs and same prior authorization policy. CareSource providers will also be required to submit charges for pharmacy and injectable drugs to the State of Ohio for reimbursement when administered in the patient's home through a home health agency.

As always, we appreciate your ongoing relationship with CareSource and your commitment to serving our membership. For additional questions visit the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services website at: <http://www.jfs.ohio.gov>.