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PHARMACIST SERVICES AS A MEDI-CAL BENEFIT ASSEMBLY BILL 1114

Kern Health Systems (KHS) will be providing specified pharmacist services as a reimbursable Medi-Cal benefit when rendered to a Kern Family Health Care beneficiary member in the outpatient pharmacy setting pursuant to Welfare and Institutions (WIC) Code Section 14132.968.

Senate Bill (SB) 493 (Hernandez, Chapter 469, Statutes of 2013) expanded a pharmacist's scope of practice to allow independent administration of routine immunization, to furnish self-administered hormonal contraceptives, nicotine replacement products, and prescription medications which do not require a diagnosis and are recommended for traveling internationally. SB 493 also established the requirement for Advanced Practice Pharmacists to furnish the opioid overdose drug naloxone hydrochloride in accordance with standardized protocols and procedures.

KHS Provider Network Management has initiated contract amendments to its' existing pharmacy network to include, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Furnishing travel medications (BPC § 4052(a) (10) (A) (3) and 16 CCR 1746.5).
- b. Furnishing naloxone hydrochloride (BPC § 4052.01 and 16 CCR 1746.3).
*Requires Advanced Practice Pharmacists licensure
- c. Furnishing self-administered hormonal contraception (BPC § 4052.3 and 16 CCR 1746.1).
- d. Initiating and administering immunizations (BPC § 4052.8 and 16 CCR 1746.4).
- e. Furnishing Nicotine Replacement Products (BPC § 4052.9 and 16 CCR 1746.2).
- f. Initiating and furnishing preexposure prophylaxis (BPC § 4052.02)
- g. Initiating and furnishing postexposure prophylaxis (BPC § 4052.03)

A maximum of six (6) services, per member, may be billed within a ninety (90) day period. If a member requires more than six services, a prior authorization request will need to be submitted through the KHS provider portal.

In order to qualify for these reimbursable benefits, interested pharmacies must be able to demonstrate and attest to the following:

- The pharmacy must be enrolled with Medi-Cal, and the pharmacist rendering services must be registered as an ORP.
- The pharmacist must meet and attest to the applicable education and training as specified in the Business & Professions code and Title 16 CCR as noted above.



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- The pharmacy must be able to bill ASC X12N837P v. 5010 electronic claims submission.
- The pharmacy must demonstrate the ability to bill with appropriate CPT and ICD-10 codes.
- The pharmacy and pharmacist must meet all documentation requirements for billed pharmacy services, beyond what is required by the Board of Pharmacy and/or other applicable regulations and must meet those documentation requirements as outlined in SB 1114 including KHS Policy and Procedures.
- The pharmacy and pharmacist agree to be subject to auditing and must be available during the pharmacy or facility's business hours.
- The pharmacy agrees to notify KHS of any changes, within 10-days, in pharmacist's licensure status, location changes or additions, termination of employment or additional education and training obtained by the pharmacist rendering services to KHS members.

To request consideration, please have each individual pharmacist complete the attached Pharmacist Services (AB 1114) KHS - Request Form and return to credentialing@khs-net.com or via fax to 661-664-5442. Requests will be processed in the order received. Once the attestation/licensure are verified and the contract has been amended and fully executed, you will receive a notification which will include approved pharmacist indicating which services may be rendered along with their effective date.

If you have questions, please contact your KHS Provider Relations Representative at (661) 664-5000.

Thank you,

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