IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING

California MTUS Drug Formulary

Effective Date: 01/01/2017

The California Division of Workers’ Compensation (“DWC”) has adopted new MTUS Drug Formulary rules requiring pre-authorization for certain medications before they may be dispensed. The rules will take effect for all claimants receiving medications on or after January 1, 2018. The final rules have been submitted to the Office of Administrative Law for final approval and have not yet been posted on the DWC website. CWCI has as a courtesy made available the final regulations and a complete listing of affected medications at http://www.cwci.org/regulation.html?id=66. The pertinent information is identified as Regulations and Drug list.

Injured workers receiving these affected medications, which may include compounded and brand-named medications, may eventually be transitioned to alternative medications by their prescriber. Should the prescriber determine treatment utilizing an affected medication continues to be medically necessary and clinically appropriate, the prescriber must seek, and obtain, pre-authorization before the medication may be processed at the point-of-sale.

There are no changes in how you submit workers’ compensation pharmacy claims in our adjudication system. Our associates remain available to help resolve any processing questions or concerns. However, we would like you to know the new pre-authorization requirements could delay your dispensing of the medication(s) to the injured worker and/or increase the number of prior-authorization or other prescription rejections you receive from us as a result of MTUS Drug Formulary requirements.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact us:
If you submit scripts to BIN 610011 call 1-800-547-3330 for assistance.
If you submit scripts to BIN 010876 call 1-800-419-7191 for assistance.

TO REDUCE PROCESSING ERRORS, PLEASE CONFIRM THE INFORMATION ON MEMBER’S ID CARD PRIOR TO SUBMITTING PRESCRIPTION CLAIMS.

Should you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the OptumRx Help Desk:
Pharmacy Help Desk: (800) 547-3330 or (800) 419-7971 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)

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