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Department of Health Care Finance



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TO: Managed Care Plans, Providers and Pharmacists

FROM: Claudia Schlosberg, J.D. 
Senior Deputy Director and State Medicaid Director

DATE: June 9, 2016

SUBJECT: Policy on Access to Buprenorphine

The Department of Health Care Finance is issuing the attached policy and procedure (P&P) to address barriers to access to buprenorphine and a lack of consistency in prior authorization (PA) and dosage requirements, both among managed care organizations (MCO) and between MCO and fee-for-service (FFS) requirements.

This P&P applies to all Medicaid providers and managed care organizations. It is effective June 1, 2016.

Questions regarding this policy should be directed to Cavella Bishop, Program Manager: Clinician, Pharmacy and Acute Provider Service at 202-724-8936 or cavella.bishop@dc.gov.

Questions regarding Fee-for-Service claims submission should be directed to Provider Services at 202-906-8319 (inside DC metro area) or 866-752-9233 (outside DC metro area).

Questions regarding Medicaid Managed Care practices should be directed to Lisa Truitt, Associate Director, Division of Managed Care, Health Care Delivery Management Administration at 202-442-9109 or lisa.truitt@dc.gov.

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