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Long Term Care (LTC) Pharmacy Claims

The Department of Vermont Health Access and Goold Health Systems (GHS) would like to clarify the use of residence code 03 and appropriate member co-pays for members residing in long-term care facilities.

Prior to 5/1/15 GHS was matching the LTC segment in eligibility with the residence code 03 upon submission. Effective 5/1/15 GHS will now allow the residence code of 03 to be submitted even if the member does not have a LTC segment within the Department's eligibility file.

The following rules will apply when a LTC claim for Medicaid members is submitted for processing in the pharmacy POS system. It is the LTC eligibility that drives the co-pay responsibility for members.

1. If the member has a valid LTC segment in eligibility and the pharmacy sends the patient residence code of 03 the claim will pay without a co-pay.
2. If the member has a valid LTC segment in eligibility and the pharmacy does NOT send a patient residence code of 03 the claim will pay without a co-pay.
3. If the member does NOT have a valid LTC segment in eligibility and the pharmacy sends a residence code of 03, the claim will pay with a co-pay.

In addition, please note the following for Medicare-eligible members:

1. If the member is a Medicare-Medicaid Dual Eligible and the drug is a Medicare Part D excluded drug, the member will have a copayment.
2. VPharm members residing in LTC facilities are not exempt from copays, because they do not have Medicaid LTC eligibility.

RA Adjustments to previously paid Part D claims

Providers may see adjustments to previously paid claims on their 5/29/15 Remittance Advice. Goold Health Systems (GHS) reported that some VPharm claims that were previously submitted with Other Payer Patient Responsibility Amounts (OPPRA) Field (352-NQ) less than the calculated ingredient cost may have led to overpayments. DVHA has asked GHS to adjust those claims manually requiring no

reprocessing at the pharmacy. For questions, please contact GHS Pharmacy POS Call Center Help Desk 1-844-679-5366.

Over-the-Counter (OTC) Drugs List

DVHA and GHS have updated the Over-The-Counter (OTC) Covered Drug List effective 04/30/2015. The 196 page document includes Drug Category, Generic Drug Description, Labeler Name, NDC, Brand/Generic, Product Description and whether a Prior Authorization (PA) is required.

This list can be found on the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) website at <http://dvha.vermont.gov/for-providers/vermontotcweblis.pdf>