



CHIP Policy Clarification

CHIP POLICY CLARIFICATION 2020-04

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EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Response: Pharmacies May Override Early Refill Alerts for Medications

TO: CHIP MCOs

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PURPOSE:

To issue guidance for COVID-19 Response: Pharmacies May Override Early Refill Alerts for Medications.

BACKGROUND:

Effective March 13, 2020, in response to COVID-19, CHIP enrollees may obtain early refills of medications.

DISCUSSION:

MCOs are to advise their pharmacy suppliers that the dispensing pharmacy may override the “too early to fill” alert for early refill at the pharmacy point-of-sale.

NEXT STEPS

1. Review the information in this policy with appropriate staff.
2. Implement this policy clarification immediately.
3. This policy clarification will remain in effect while a valid disaster declaration authorized by the Governor related to the COVID-19 virus remains in effect. The OOC may re-issue this policy clarification as appropriate.

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