CHIP Policy Clarification

CHIP POLICY CLARIFICATION 2020-04

ISSUE DATE: March 27, 2020

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

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

TO: CHIP MCOs

FROM: Patricia M. Allan
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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 for 90 days or while a valid disaster declaration authorized by the Governor related to the COVID-19 virus remains in effect, whichever is earlier. The OOC may re-issue this policy clarification as appropriate.
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4. Questions concerning this clarification should be directed to J. Diane Brannon-Nordtomme at (717) 585-2462 or via email at jbrannonno@pa.gov.