



# CHIP Policy Clarification

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## 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

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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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