



New TennCare MAC Prices More in Line with Marketplace

In response to concerns raised by the Tennessee Pharmacists Association and its members, TennCare has conducted a review of the MAC pricing implemented by SXC. TennCare officials informed TPA today that the MAC pricing has been revised; they are making an effort to have the new MAC list be effective as soon as possible and are hopeful this can be accomplished by midnight tonight.

TPA has reviewed the new MAC list and found the prices to be much more in line with marketplace pricing in Tennessee. However, if pharmacists find specific MAC prices they want to have reviewed by SXC, the pharmacy should complete the SXC MAC Inquiry and Research Request Form at https://tnm.providerportal.sxc.com/rxclaim/TNM/TNMAC_researchform.pdf and fax it to SXC to request a MAC price change. TPA would also appreciate being informed regarding the number of research claims that are submitted and the medication name that is in question. Please fax a copy of any form submitted to TPA at 615-255-3528.

TPA expresses appreciation to TennCare officials for responding to the concerns of Tennessee pharmacists and making changes that will allow the continuation of a very successful, safe and effective generic prescription pharmacy program for TennCare patients.

Adderall and Vyvanse Pricing Errors Possible

As reported to members on January 26, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association has been made aware of pricing and third party pharmacy reimbursement issues involving Adderall XR and Vyvanse prescriptions. On January 1, 2009, Shire increased the Average Wholesale Price (AWP) on their products Adderall XR and Vyvanse. While the price to the wholesalers increased effective January 1, 2009, information provided to pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) and other third parties by First Data Bank and MediSpan, who are the top providers of pricing information to PBMs, did not reflect and report the price updates until a later date. By January 15, 2009, the pricing information for these products from both drug databases had been corrected.

TPA recommends to pharmacies that it would be prudent to look retrospectively at claims filed for either of these products (all strengths) from January 1, 2009, to approximately January 15, 2009, to determine if they were processed and reimbursed for the correct AWP amounts. Incorrectly paid claims may need to be reversed and resubmitted so that pharmacy and plan records will capture the correct pricing information.

Special thanks to members Gary Wilson at Pleasant View Drugs in Pleasant View and Tripp York at Bedford Drugs in Shelbyville for alerting TPA to this situation. Thanks also go to Bill Hudson at SXC for his assistance in determining the cause of the incorrect reimbursement problem.

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