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Budget reduction notification requirement for state fiscal year 2017 from Bureau of TennCare

Summary of change: Amerigroup Community Care would like to share this notice of program changes to be made by all managed care organizations (MCOs) as a result of the state fiscal year (SFY) 2017 budget.

What is the impact of this change?

Changes are as follows:

Immunotherapy guidelines (SFY2017) — effective October 1, 2016

- The initial immunotherapy allergen treatment set claim should be billed with a -GD modifier. Extract refill claims should be billed without the modifier, and each refill should be limited to a three-month supply.
- Providers must now follow practice guidelines according to the following:
 - Joint Task Force on Practice Parameters of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology
 - American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology
 - Joint Council of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology

Provider Fee Reductions Bought Back (SFY2017)

- The 2015 budget proposed a 2-percent reduction to provider services listed in *Attachment A*. However, 1 percent was bought back with one-time appropriations for SFY 2015, 2016 and now for 2017 as well. Based on the SFY 2017 appropriations, there will be no change to those services in *Attachment A* based on state budget reductions.

340B pricing

- Section 2.12.9.60 of the MCO contract requires the MCO to specify in applicable provider agreements that all providers who participate in the federal 340B program give TennCare MCOs the benefit of 340B pricing. This requirement of the contract has been bought back by one-time appropriations and, therefore, will not be enforced for SFYs 2015, 2016 and 2017.

What this means to you

Last year's *Budget Reduction Memo* included MCO provider education regarding pharmacy-related reductions concerning medications containing buprenorphine (see below). Recurring funds were appropriated to buy back this reduction in its entirety; therefore, limits do not apply.

Pharmacy-related reductions (MCO provider education) — buprenorphine-containing medications for opioid addiction — effective October 1, 2015

- As a result of the state of Tennessee’s budget reductions, TennCare will be implementing a new benefit limit for TennCare enrollees being treated with buprenorphine-containing medications for office-based opioid addiction. The new benefit limit will become effective October 1, 2015, and will now have a lifetime limit of two years’ supply of buprenorphine-containing addiction-treatment medications. Further details will be available after September 1, 2015, on the Magellan Medicaid Administration website at <https://tenncare.magellanhealth.com>.

In addition to the budget reductions and/or buybacks as described above, all **other previous reductions** and **limits** remain in effect. In addition to previous across-the-board rate reductions, the previous reductions that remain in effect can be found on the provider website at <https://providers.amerigroup.com/TN> > Provider Resources & Documents > State Communications. The previous reductions that remain in effect are as follows:

Attachment A: Previous Percentage Rate Reductions

SFY	Effective date	Proposed budget reduction	Actual budget reduction	Actual % reduction to date
2012	July 1, 2011	8.5% reduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MCO admin portion of CAP All pathology, lab and radiological services; this includes all professional, inpatient and outpatient services All outpatient and professional behavioral health services All emergency and nonemergency transportation; defined as HCPCS codes A0000-A0999 All home health services except respite, hospice, and home- and community-based services. Nursing home services; TennCare will provide updated rates to the MCOs with a July 1, 2011, effective date 	4.25% reduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MCO admin portion of CAP All pathology, lab and radiological services; this includes all professional, inpatient and outpatient services All emergency and nonemergency transportation, defined as HCPCS codes A0000-A0999 All home health services except respite, hospice, and home- and community-based services Nursing home services; TennCare will provide updated rates to the MCOs with a July 1, 2011, effective date 	4.25%
2012	January 1, 2012	N/A	4.25% reduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MCO admin portion of CAP All pathology, lab and radiological services; this includes all professional, inpatient and outpatient services All emergency and nonemergency transportation; defined as HCPCS codes A0000-A0999 All home health services except respite, hospice, and home- and community-based services Nursing home services; TennCare will provide updated rates to the MCOs with a July 1, 2011, 	8.5%

SFY	Effective date	Proposed budget reduction	Actual budget reduction	Actual % reduction to date
			effective date	
2012	January 1, 2012	1.5% buyback for previous cuts	1.75% Buyback for previous cuts	6.75%
2015	July 1, 2014	2% reduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCO admin portion of CAP • All pathology, lab and radiological services; this includes all professional, inpatient and outpatient services • All outpatient and professional behavioral health services • All emergency and nonemergency transportation; defined as HCPCS codes A0000-A0999 • All home health services except respite and hospice • DME and medical supplies • Home- and community-based services, excluding consumer direction services 	1% reduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCO admin portion of CAP • All pathology, lab and radiological services; this includes all professional, inpatient and outpatient services • All outpatient and professional behavioral health services • All emergency and nonemergency transportation; defined as HCPCS codes A0000-A0999 • All home health services except respite and hospice • DME and medical supplies • Home- and community-based services, excluding consumer direction services 	7.75% (total for services included in 2015 with previous reductions) 1% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All outpatient and professional behavioral health services • DME and medical supplies • Home- and community-based services, excluding consumer direction services
2016	July 1, 2015 <hr/> July 1, 2016	1% reduction (bought back 2015) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCO admin portion of CAP • All pathology, lab and radiological services; this includes all professional, inpatient and outpatient services • All outpatient and professional behavioral health services • All emergency and nonemergency transportation; defined as HCPCS codes A0000-A0999 • All home health services except respite and hospice • DME and medical supplies • Home- and community-based services, excluding consumer direction services. 	1% buyback for proposed cuts	Same as above

What if I need assistance?

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