

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**11/18/19 PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RHODE ISLAND
MEDICAID STATE PLAN**

In accordance Rhode Island General Laws 42-35, notice is hereby given that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) proposes to make the following amendment to the Rhode Island State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act:

Drug Utilization Review

EOHHS is proposing to submit an amendment to the Medicaid State Plan concerning Drug Utilization Review (DUR). The recently-enacted SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act includes measures to combat the opioid crisis in part by reducing opioid abuse and misuse by advancing treatment and recovery initiatives, improving prevention, protecting communities, and bolstering efforts to fight deadly illicit synthetic drugs.

This amendment addresses requirements including claim reviews at the point of sale (POS) and retrospective reviews; the monitoring and management of antipsychotic medication in children; identification of processes to detect fraud and abuse.

The proposed effective date of this amendment is October 1, 2019.

This proposed amendment is accessible on the EOHHS website (www.eohhs.ri.gov) or available in hard copy upon request (401-462-6348 or RI Relay, dial 711). Interested persons should submit data, views, or written comments by December 17, 2019 to Gretchen Bell, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, 3 West Rd, Cranston, RI, 02920, or Gretchen.Bell@ohhs.ri.gov.

In accordance with the Rhode Island General Laws 42-35-3, an oral hearing will be granted on the proposed State Plan Amendment if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, an agency, or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice.

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Revision: HCFA-PM- (MB)

State/Territory: Rhode Island

Citation

1902(a)(85) and Section 1004 of the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act (SUPPORT Act)

Claim Review Limitations

- Prospective safety edits on opioid prescriptions to address days’ supply, early refills, duplicate fills and quantity limitations for clinical appropriateness.
- Prospective safety edits on maximum daily morphine milligram equivalents (MME) on opioids prescriptions to limit the daily morphine milligram equivalent (as recommended by clinical guidelines).
- Retrospective reviews on opioid prescriptions exceeding these above limitations on an ongoing basis.
- Retrospective reviews on concurrent utilization of opioids and benzodiazepines as well as opioids and antipsychotics on an ongoing periodic basis

Programs to monitor antipsychotic medications to children: Antipsychotic agents are reviewed for appropriateness for all children including foster children based on approved indications and clinical guidelines

Fraud and abuse identification: The Surveillance Utilization Review (SUR) team has established a process that identifies potential fraud or abuse of controlled substances by enrolled individuals, health care providers and pharmacies.