



Ohio Department of Mental Health

30 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3430

Date: March 31, 2008

To: Community Medicaid Participating ODMH Certified Community Mental Health Agencies

From: Angie Bergefurd, Assistant Deputy Director, Administrative Services
Ohio Department of Mental Health

Re: Managed Care Prior Authorization Exemption for 2nd Generation Anti-Psychotic Prescriptions

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Ohio Health Plans recently announced a revised policy for covering certain 2nd generation anti-psychotic medications prescribed to Aged, Blind, or Disabled clients enrolled in Medicaid Managed Care Plans. Under the revised policy, psychiatrists contracting with managed care plans or working through a Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) may be exempt from prior authorization (PA) requirements for current and future 2nd generation anti-psychotics without an available generic, bio-equivalent, or metabolite. **The brand name drugs that are currently exempt from PA under this policy for these psychiatrists are Abilify, Geodon, Risperdal, Seroquel, and Zyprexa. The PA exemption also applies to generic versions of the 2nd generation anti-psychotics such as Clozapine, the only generic currently available.**

Psychiatrists will be required to follow the managed care plans' PA requirements for the following:

- Clozaril - brand version of Clozapine
- Invega – metabolite of Risperdal
- Alternative dosage forms of 2nd generation anti-psychotics (such as orally disintegrating tablets and injections)
- All other drugs covered by managed care plans

In order to qualify for the PA exemption, your agency will need to perform the following actions on the enclosed “Psychiatrist Data Specifications” spreadsheet:

1. Identify all of the psychiatrists who are either directly employed by or contracting with your agency.

2. Complete the spreadsheet with individually identifying information about each psychiatrist. (The spreadsheet is available in Excel on our Web page at <http://www.mh.state.oh.us/medicaid/general/medicaid.index.html>.)
3. Return the completed spreadsheet by **April 30, 2008** to Margie Herrel via email herrelm@mh.state.oh.us or U.S. Mail to the following address:

Margie Herrel, Manager of Program Administration
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Please note that if the psychiatrist has already obtained an individual National Provider Identifier (NPI Type-1), you can gather or confirm some of the identifying information through the NPI registry available at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/NPIRegistryHome.do>. Simply select "Individual Provider" and enter the psychiatrist's name and state. If the provider has not obtained an individual NPI you should still complete the spreadsheet leaving the NPI information blank. In addition, an Ohio Medicaid Provider Billing ID (i.e., the 7 digit Medicaid Provider Number) is required for a prescribing psychiatrist. If the psychiatrist currently does not have an Ohio Medicaid Provider Number, the individual can apply for a *Medicaid Provider Number* through ODJFS Provider Network Management by calling 1-800-686-1516 and following the prompts.

If you have any questions concerning these steps, please contact Margie Herrel via email herrelm@mh.state.oh.us or phone (614-466-9655). Thank you for your help in meeting the behavioral health needs of Ohio's citizens in both a medically and fiscally responsible manner.

Enclosure

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