



December 28, 2007

Re: Spiriva®

Dear Kentucky Medicaid Provider:

Please be advised that the Department for Medicaid Services has made a change in policy related to the use of Spiriva®. It will continue to be considered a preferred (Tier 2) medication for the treatment of COPD.

Effective January 8, 2008, the prescription that is presented at the pharmacy must include the correct diagnosis. Spiriva® will be payable without restriction at Point of Sale if submitted with one of the following ICD-9 codes:

- 492.0 Emphysematous bleb
- 492.8 Other emphysema
- 496 Chronic airway obstruction, not elsewhere classified

A prior authorization will not be required if the above guidelines are followed. First Health Services Pharmacy will be instructing pharmacies regarding the need to enter the diagnosis at Point of Sale which will allow the prescription to be filled without any additional action required.

If a prescription for Spiriva® is presented at the pharmacy without the correct diagnosis or if the ICD-9 code is not entered at Point of Sale, the claim will deny with the following response: **75 – Prior authorization required**. A prior authorization will have to be obtained in order for the request to pay.

If you should have questions regarding this denial or require further assistance, please contact Technical Call Center (TeCC) at (800) 432- 7005. A representative is available to assist you 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Sincerely,

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