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**Letter of Direction #50**

**Date:** January 29, 2025

**To:** Turquoise Care Managed Care Organizations

**From:** Dana Flannery, Director, Medical Assistance Division 

**Subject:** MCO Requirements Regarding Parity of Reimbursement for Services Provided by a Pharmacist Clinician and Pharmacist with Prescriptive Authority

**Title:** Pharmaceutical Service Reimbursement

The purpose of this Letter of Direction (LOD) is to provide the Turquoise Care Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) with information on the requirements in accordance with House Bill 42 (2020), Pharmaceutical Service Reimbursement Parity. MCOs shall be required to provide parity of reimbursement for all services provided by a Pharmacist Clinician (PhC) and a Pharmacist with prescriptive authority for members of New Mexico Medicaid programs in office, clinic, pharmacy, long term care, hospital, or any outpatient settings.

**Reimbursement for Clinical Service provided by a Pharmacist Clinician or a Pharmacist with Prescriptive Authority**

Reimbursement shall be paid at the same rate that is paid to a licensed physician, physician assistant (PA), or advanced nurse practitioner (NP) for the same service

Billing for pharmacist provided clinical services will follow the same methodology utilized for clinical encounters as other medical providers. Akin to other providers, pharmacists can be the rendering and billing provider. Medical claims for pharmacist clinical services will be billed via electronic claims submission in accordance with clinical medical billing procedures. CPT codes for billing of pharmacist clinicians and pharmacists with prescriptive authority are listed on the state's website. All clinical services must be documented within a medical record equivalent to the expectations and requirements of equal clinical services provided by a licensed physician, PA, or NP for the same services. Pharmacist Medication Therapy Management (MTM) billing codes are not to be substituted for more applicable services codes, as supported by clinical documentation.

## **Enrollment and Credentialing Requirements**

Pharmacist providers must enroll and credential with New Mexico Medicaid Fee for Service and Managed Care Medical Plans. MCOs must allow credentialing of pharmacists as providers for New Mexico Managed Care Medicaid Plans in a manner that is consistent with other provider types.

## **Medication Billing**

Medications dispensed or administered are to be billed through normal Point of Sale when in a retail setting. Administration fees for vaccines are to be paid based on contracted rates. Medications administered in a clinic setting shall be billed pursuant to clinic billing procedures.

**This LOD will sunset upon inclusion in the Managed Care Policy Manual.**

If you have questions regarding this LOD, please send to your Turquoise Care Managed Care Oversight Bureau Contract Manager to obtain a response from the Directors Office.