

## **321 PAYMENT REFORM - E-PRESCRIBING**

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

REFERENCES: AHCCCS NCPDP Post Adjudicated History Transaction Companion Guide

This policy applies to the Division's Administrative Services Subcontractors (AdSS). The purpose of this policy is to define parameters for the Payment Reform-E-Prescribing Initiative.

### **Definitions**

- A. Electronic Prescription or E-Prescription - Electronic Prescriptions or E-Prescriptions include those prescriptions generated through a computer-to-computer electronic data interchange protocol, following a national industry standard and identified by Origin Code 3.
- B. Origin Code - The field located in the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) standardized code set known as the Prescription Origin Code and also referred to as the NCPDP Prescription Origin Code.

### **General**

E-Prescribing is a recognized and proven effective tool to improve members' health outcomes and reduce costs. Benefits afforded by the electronic transmission of prescription-related information include, but are not limited to, reduced medication errors, reductions of drug and allergy interactions and therapeutic duplication, patient adherence, and increased prescription accuracy.

The following parameters must apply for the Payment Reform - E-Prescribing Initiative:

- A. Only those prescriptions that meet the definition of an E-Prescription (see definition above) must be included for the purpose of the initiative. The initiative must not include other electronic methods of transmitting prescriptions, e.g., computer-generated paper prescriptions or facsimiles or telephone-generated prescriptions. The initiative also must not include E-Prescriptions converted to computer-generated facsimile when the E-Prescription is sent via an intermediary that is unable to complete the transaction.
- B. Refills retain the origin of the prescription. Each time a prescription that meets the definition of an E-Prescription is refilled, it counts as an E-Prescription. Consequently, refills must not be counted as electronic originations for this initiative, as they overstate the number of prescriptions generated in this manner.
- C. Controlled substances can be E-Prescribed and therefore may be counted as an E-Prescription if the electronic origination meets the definition of an E-Prescription.
- D. Prescriptions generated by nurse practitioners and physician assistants may be counted as electronic originations if they meet the definition of an E-Prescription.

The Division may sanction the AdSS for failure to meet the requirements in the AdSS Responsibilities section of this policy.

### **AdSS Responsibilities**

For CYE 16: The AdSS must increase the percent of prescriptions originating through E-Prescribing by 20% of the difference between the CYE 15 baseline percentage of original prescriptions generated as E-Prescriptions by line of business and the goal percentage of original prescriptions generated as E-Prescriptions as defined below, using the CYE 16 peak quarter to determine compliance with the E-Prescribing Initiative.

### **Goal (Percentage of Original Prescriptions Generated as E-Prescriptions)**

DDD, including AdSS: 65%

The required increase in the percent of prescriptions originating through E-Prescribing will be calculated as follows:

- G = E-Prescribing percentage Goal
- B = CYE 15 Baseline E-Prescribing percentage
- R = Required E-Prescribing percentage increase from CYE 15 Baseline E-Prescribing percentage per AdSS
- T = Target E-Prescribing percentage per AdSS
- P = CYE 16 Peak Quarter E-Prescribing percentage

#### Calculation

$$(G - B) * 20\% = R$$

$$B + R = T$$

$$P \geq T$$

#### Example

$$(60\% - 45\%) * 20\% = 3\%$$

$$45\% + 3\% = 48\%$$

$$49\% > 48\%$$

Prescription origination data must be submitted on all pharmacy encounter records, as outlined in the AHCCCS NCPDP Post Adjudicated History Transaction Companion Guide.

The Prescription Fill Number (Original or Refill Dispensing) must be submitted on all pharmacy encounter records, as outlined in the AHCCCS NCPDP Post Adjudicated History Transaction Companion Guide.