

New Ohio Medicaid Prescription Regulations Require Face to Face Physician Examination

Ohio Medicaid has recently updated rule 5101:3-10-05 - Reimbursement for covered services. The updated rule contains a provision that requires that a physician has seen his/her patient in a face to face examination prior to prescribing durable medical equipment (DME). This examination does not have to occur specifically for the purpose of prescribing DME. However, the face to face examination must have taken place within the past 12 months of the order.

Miller's is requesting that physicians list the date of the last face to face examination on the Certificates of Medical Necessity we will be providing you. This spot will be clearly marked. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in complying with this new rule. The effective date of this rule is expected to be July 1, 2006.

The exact verbiage of the new rule is listed here for your reference:

2) *Prescriptions for durable medical equipment (DME) and medical supplies must originate as a result of a face to face examination between the prescriber and the consumer. A separate examination for each subsequent DME item prescribed is not necessary if:*

(a) *The prescriber has reviewed the medical record generated from a face to face examination that was conducted within the previous twelve months by the prescriber, and the DME item or items are related to the diagnoses that were established in that face to face examination; or*

(b) *The prescription is written based on the judgment of a prescriber who has reviewed the consumer's medical records from a face to face examination conducted within the previous 12 months by a different prescriber, and the item or items are related to the diagnoses that were established in that face to face examination.*

All DME and medical supply prescriptions for a long term supply of disposable items (i.e. diabetic test strips, incontinence garments or wound supplies), can be renewed no sooner than ninety days prior to the expiration of the current prescription. DME or medical supply prescriptions are only valid for a maximum of one year.

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