

DME notice for Pharmacies

Beginning 1/1/2013 with the implementation of KanCare, pharmacies must bill all DME items such as glucometers, diabetic test strips, nebulizers and nebulizer equipment, peak flow meters, spacers, respiratory supplies, etc. as DME consistent with CMS billing guidelines.

While some of these DME items could have been billed through the pharmacy benefit via the POS system prior to KanCare, effective 1/1/2013 these items must be billed under the medical benefit with a valid CPT or HCPCS code on a CMS 1500 to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan.

There is no prior authorization required for UnitedHealthcare Community Plan for DME items that costs less than \$500. Therefore, no prior authorization is needed for these items.

Pharmacies may provide members with DME supplies, as covered by State of Kansas benefits, and bill UnitedHealthcare for the service as noted above. Pharmacies should not be concerned about obtaining prior authorization for these items or delay provision to the member as long as the DME item is below the \$500 threshold.

Regarding test strips, while UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Kansas does not have a preferred brand of test strips, Medicaid maximum rates do apply to claims submitted for test strips.

Please do not bill OptumRX via the POS system for DME as OptumRX will not pay these claims. DME claims will be paid by the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Kansas.

If you need assistance on how to bill a 1500 for these items, or have questions about the Medicaid reimbursement rates, please email ks.net.mgmt@uhc.com or contact our UHC Provider Advocate, Steve Anderson at 913-663-6507 or steven_j_anderson@uhc.com.