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### Attention Pharmacists and Prescribers:

#### Emergency Services Only Coverage

**Effective December 22, 2016**, the Department will implement editing changes around the Submission Clarification Code (SCC) used to override denied claims for drugs not covered for members whose Medicaid benefit is “Emergency Services Only”. Claims submitted for drugs not covered will be denied with the response message “*NDC not covered*” when utilizing a SCC not authorized by the Department.

- Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) coverage is available for a limited list of drugs for beneficiaries of “Emergency Services Only” coverage, category of eligibility (COE) 07.
- Coverage criteria based on federal regulations [42 CFR 440.255(c)], and a list of covered medications for Emergency Services Only can be found at: [http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/redesign/mrt\\_phase\\_3.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/mrt_phase_3.htm).
- Medications not on the list will reject with the response message “NDC not covered”.
- **Any and all exception/override requests for drugs systematically denied MUST be submitted via a letter of medical necessity by the prescriber and formally approved by the Department of Health. (These requests include HIPAA PHI, and should be encrypted when sent by email.)**
- **Pharmacies should not attempt to override these rejections, prior to obtaining Department approval. All non-approved overrides are subject to recovery of payment.**

#### NOTE:

- Pharmacies with current written DOH authorization have been contacted; however, if claims have been previously reviewed and authorized by DOH in writing, and your pharmacy has not been contacted, please call 518-486-3209 for further instruction.
- Claims that have been previously paid without DOH authorization **are** subject to audit and recovery.
- For non-covered medications - pharmacies and prescribers may seek alternate funding through patient assistance programs or discount card programs available to the general public.