

## Medicaid Pharmacy Prior Authorization Programs Update

**Effective April 10, 2014**, the fee-for-service pharmacy program will implement the following parameters. These changes are the result of recommendations made by the Drug Utilization Review Board (DURB) at the December 7, 2012 DURB meeting:

### Antiretroviral (ARV) Medications – Drug Interactions

- **Point of service edit for contraindicated antiretroviral/non-antiretroviral combinations.\***
- **Point of service edit for contraindicated antiretroviral/antiretroviral combinations.\***

**\*Clinical Call Center must be contacted to override the edit**

**For claims that do not meet clinical criteria**, eMedNY point of service (POS) will return a rejected response in (NCPDP field 511-FB) "85- Claim Not Processed" along with messaging in (NCPDP field 526-FQ) "Call Magellan Call Ctr at 1-877-309-9493" and additional details based on criteria failure. **An example of this would be the new response messaging developed for the ARV drug interactions shown below:**

- **75A3 - Drug Contraindication Failure**

**The pharmacist may be able to intervene by consulting the prescriber for an appropriate change in therapy to reduce the need for the prescriber to obtain PA.**

To obtain a PA, prescribers must contact the clinical call center at 1-877-309-9493. The clinical call center is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with pharmacy technicians and pharmacists who will work with you, or your agent, to quickly obtain a PA.

Medicaid enrolled prescribers can also initiate PA requests using a web-based application. PAXpress® is a web based pharmacy PA request/response application accessible through the eMedNY website at; <http://www.eMedNY.org>. PAXpress® can also be accessed through Magellan Medicaid Administration at; <http://newyork.fhsc.com>.

For more detailed information on the DURB meeting, please refer:

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/program/dur/meetings/2012/12/sum\\_1207\\_12\\_durb.pdf](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/dur/meetings/2012/12/sum_1207_12_durb.pdf)

Below is a link to the most up-to-date information on the Medicaid FFS Pharmacy Prior Authorization (PA) Programs. This document contains a full listing of drugs subject to the Medicaid FFS Pharmacy Programs:

[https://newyork.fhsc.com/downloads/providers/NYRx\\_PDP\\_PDL.pdf](https://newyork.fhsc.com/downloads/providers/NYRx_PDP_PDL.pdf)