In light of the storm, Fee for Service Medicaid will allow early fills for patients that have lost medications as a result of Hurricane Sandy. This will only be in effect until the State of Emergency has ended. The State of Emergency will be determined by the Local District and the State. An early fill response will be returned when a prescription claim is transmitted prior to the date when 75 percent of the previous supply would have been used if taken according to the prescriber's directions. During the State of Emergency, a pharmacy can override edit 01642 "Early Fill Overuse" denial at the point of sale by using the following combination:

NCPDP FIELD 439-E4 REASON FOR SERVICE CODE

AD = Additional Drug Needed

NCPDP FIELD 420-DK SUBMISSION CLARIFICATION CODE

07 = Medically Necessary - use to indicate the service is provided as a result of Immediate Urgent Care or Emergency.