

General Information.....

Medicaid Wrap-Around Benefit for Dual Eligible Enrollees

In 2008, the New York State Medicaid Program will continue to provide a "wrap-around" drug benefit for dual eligible enrollees. This benefit is limited to the following drug classes:

- ◆ Atypical anti-psychotics;
- ◆ Antidepressants;
- ◆ Anti-retrovirals used in the treatment of HIV/AIDS; and
- ◆ Anti-rejection drugs used in the treatment of tissue and organ transplants.

Dual Eligible Enrollees:

Those individuals having both Medicare Part D and Medicaid benefits.

Medicare Part D is the primary payor for dual eligible enrollees and should provide access to all medically appropriate medications through the coverage determination and appeal process. It is expected that the Medicaid wrap-around benefit will be used for the four drug classes listed above when:

- ◆ These drugs are not initially covered by the Part D plan;
- ◆ The patient does not meet the plan's utilization management requirements; or
- ◆ There are quantity limits inconsistent with the prescribed amounts.

Providers are expected to work with Part D plans or Medicare Part B to obtain coverage of necessary medications. Medicaid remains the payor of last resort. All Medicaid rules apply to wrap-around benefit claims, including any Medicaid prior authorization requirements and co-payment guidelines.

Reminder: The Medicaid wrap-around benefit **may not** be used to obtain early refills, refills for lost or stolen drugs, extended supplies or vacation supplies.

For drugs requiring prior authorization under Medicaid, the prescriber must initiate the prior authorization process for dual eligibles by calling:

(877) 309-9493.

New York Medicaid will continue to pay for the following drugs excluded from the Medicare Part D benefit:

- **barbiturates,**
- **benzodiazepines,**
- **some prescription vitamins, and**
- **some non-prescription drugs.**

These drugs may be billed directly to Medicaid.

For billing questions, please call:
(800) 343-9000.

For Medicaid pharmacy policy and operations questions, please call:
(518) 486-3209.