

Pharmacy Benefit Updates

1. **The NHP/SHP Website has been updated** – we have made the link for information about the pharmacy benefit easier to find – go to <http://www.getnhp.com/providers.html>, then click on “Pharmacy Benefits – Medicaid and FHPlus”
2. **For physicians and nurse practitioners who treat children with ADHD** - we recently added the generic for Concerta (methylphenidate ER) to the formulary. We now cover the generic for Concerta and the generic for Ritalin.
3. **Walgreens/Duane Reade pharmacies are no longer participating in the NHP network** as of December 1, 2011. Members will have to use another pharmacy that participates with Express Scripts. There are thousands of participating pharmacies; members can find one by clicking on the link on our website, or by calling Express Scripts Customer Service at 1-877-782-8655.
4. **For physicians, nurse practitioners and midwives who prescribe contraceptives** – please note that all generic oral contraceptives are covered by NHP/SHP, in addition to Nuvaring, Depo-Provera, condoms, diaphragms and emergency contraception (Plan B).

Outpatient Therapies – Speech, Physical and Occupational Therapy

1. **Effective January 1, 2012, NHP will no longer require prior authorization for speech therapy services. We will apply the benefit limitation when processing claims.** As we have already informed providers, the Medicaid benefit for physical/occupational/speech therapies was reduced as of October 1, 2011. Outpatient services in a doctor’s office, hospital outpatient department or diagnostic and treatment facility are limited to twenty (20) visits/calendar year for each of these modalities. This restriction does not apply to children or to patients with developmental disabilities or with traumatic brain injury. This benefit reduction does not apply to therapy provided as part of a home care program or in an inpatient hospital or rehabilitation facility. The current benefit limitation for Family Health Plus and Child Health Plus remains unchanged – 20 visits/calendar year for each modality.
2. Please additionally note that the following modifiers will be required for service dates as of January 1, 2012. PT/OT/ST claims received for 2012 dates of service without one of these modifiers will be denied. Please use these modifiers for all lines of business – Medicaid, Family Health Plus and Child Health Plus.
 - **Modifier GP - Physical therapy**
 - **Modifier GO - Occupational therapy**
 - **Modifier GN - Speech therapy**

If you have any questions please call Provider Services.

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