



Pharmacy Department

UPDATES

July 2019

HEDIS-AMR (Asthma Medication Ratio)-Optimizing asthma pharmacotherapy

Starting July 1, PHC will allow a 90 day-supply dispensing on formulary inhaled corticosteroid (ICS) and combination LABA/ICS inhalers. Good adherence to asthma controller medication improves asthma control, reduces ER and hospital admissions due to asthma exacerbation, and improve quality of life. An asthma medication ratio of 0.5 or greater (asthma controller/asthma controller + albuterol) is considered optimal. Formulary controller inhalers include generic Airduo, generic Advair, and QVAR. Please see PHC formulary for full list of formulary asthma controller medications.

Insulin stewardship for community pharmacists

Last month, PHC hosted an insulin education webinar for community pharmacists. Use the link below to access the insulin monograph presented at the webinar:

<http://www.partnershiphp.org/Providers/Pharmacy/Pages/Diabetes-Mellitus.aspx>

Medi-Cal Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Educational Articles: June 2019-Drug Safety Communications: Sleep Behavior Risks with Select Sleep Aids

The purpose of this educational intervention component of DUR is to improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of prescribing and dispensing practices for Medi-Cal recipients. Educational interventions include ongoing dissemination of information through the Medi-Cal provider bulletin process about clinically important, drug-specific therapy problems.

You can use the links below to view the Medi-Cal DUR education bulletin and previous education articles.

<https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/edarticles.asp>

Previous Education Articles:

June 2019: https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/Articles/dured_27983.pdf

April 2019: https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/Articles/dured_27847.pdf

March 2019: https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/Articles/dured_27740.pdf

February 2019: https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/Articles/dured_27703.pdf

January 2019 https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/Articles/dured_27623.pdf

Important Links:

PHC Formulary Search Tool:

<https://client.formularynavigator.com/Search.aspx?siteTestID=1196>

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