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To: All Medicaid and CHIP managed care organizations

From: Vendor Drug Program

Subject: P-18-008: Cash Payments for Prescriptions

Below is the policy surrounding a pharmacy’s ability to accept cash payments for Medicaid prescriptions when requested by the recipient:

1. Pharmacists always have the option to deny cash payments, if in their professional opinion, the prescription is for inappropriate use, including, but not limited to, inappropriate opioid uses.

2. If the client is a known Medicaid recipient, and the recipient requests that all or part of a prescription not be filled as a Medicaid benefit, then the prescription may be paid for in cash, either in part or in whole.

3. If the client is a known Medicaid recipient, and the recipient requests the pharmacy to fill only a portion of the prescription as a Medicaid benefit, then the remainder of the prescription may be paid for in cash.

Please ensure this information is correctly reflected in the appropriate procedure manuals and issue clarifications to any previous communications on this policy.