

MassHealth Pharmacy Advisory Council
December 11th, 2008
Meeting Notes

- Co-Pays – As of 2/1/09, MassHealth will be increasing the co-pay for generic medications from \$ 1.00 to \$ 2.00. The exception to this will be co-pays for anti-hypertensive, anti-diabetic and lipid lowering medications which will remain at \$ 1.00. Co-pays for brand name medications will remain unchanged at \$ 3.00.
- MassHealth requires that pharmacies submit medication claims with the prescriber's NPI number. Currently, not all claims are submitted with an NPI #. A percentage of claims are still being submitted with DEA numbers. Eventually, this edit will be turned on and all claims submitted without an NPI will be denied. Please work to increase your percentage of claims submitted with NPI numbers to 100%
- MassHealth is currently working on a program that will result in the determination of a preferred diabetes test strip for MassHealth patients. This should be rolled out sometime in the spring of '09.
- MassHealth is also working towards changing their approach to specialty medications. The plan is to set up arrangements with pharmacies per therapeutic category to dispense these medications.
- MMIS – Testing continues on the new MMIS. They will announce the go live date 60 days in advance.
- Medicare Part D Co-Pay Wraps – Currently MassHealth pays the balance of the Part D co-pay for dual eligible patients. They will be announcing shortly that these co pay wraps will be capped at \$ 5.60.