



Prescriptions for Provigil® in Children will be Denied

The DUR Board reviewed safety data in children taking Provigil® (modafinil) therapy. The incidence of rash resulting in discontinuation of the drug was 0.8% in clinical trials of pediatric and adolescent patients. These rashes included a possible case of Stevens-Johnson Syndrome and one case of apparent multi-organ hypersensitivity. There were no cases of serious skin reactions in the pediatric patients receiving placebo, or adults involved in a clinical trial of 4,264 patients.

As a safety issue, the DUR Board recommended that Nebraska Medicaid no longer reimburse claims in patients less than 18 years of age. Provigil® does not have any indications for pediatric patients. The FDA approved uses include improving wakefulness in adult patients with excessive sleepiness associated with narcolepsy, obstructive sleep apnea/hypopnea syndrome and shift work sleep disorder.

Be advised that on August 1, 2008, Nebraska Medicaid will no longer pay for Provigil® prescriptions in patients less than 18 years of age.

New Claims Processor

First Health Services Corporation is the new pharmacy claims processor for Nebraska Medicaid. Visit <http://nebraska.fhsc.com> to see all the services offered including:

- *Prior Authorization (PA) Fax Forms
- *Clinical Criteria
- *PAs submitted online via *Web PA*.
- *Contact information for the Pharmacy Help Desk, Prior Authorizations and the web site.
- *Drug Look-Up link for information on drug coverage restrictions or Prior Authorization requirements.
- *Drug Lists such as SMAC and Cough and Cold Coverage Lists
- *Manuals for providers.

What is a Lock-In?

Lock-in is a method used by Nebraska Medicaid to ensure appropriate utilization of medical services by a patient who has been determined to be abusing or over utilizing services provided by the Nebraska Medical Assistance Program. It is a means of coordinating care for patients and preventing duplicative services. In order for services to be reimbursed to the provider, a Medicaid patient may be required to utilize a single pharmacy, prescriber, hospital or any combination of these.

Lock-In Categories	
Category 1	One pharmacy
Category 2	One primary physician and one pharmacy
Category 3	One primary physician, one pharmacy and one hospital for outpatient services (including Emergency Room)
Category 4	One prescribing physician and one pharmacy (Only prescriptions authorized by the Lock-in physician will be approved for payment.) This allows the patient to visit other physicians without restriction.
Category 9	All types of service

Medicaid patients are allowed to choose their designated Lock-in providers. Payment for medical emergencies and referrals to other physicians may be covered as outlined in regulations (471 NAC2-004.04). The regulations can be found on the Nebraska Medicaid's website: www.hhs.state.ne.us/reg/t471.htm.

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Most Common Drug Classes Requiring PA	
Drug Class	Drug Name
COX II NSAIDs	celecoxib
Interferons for Hepatitis C	interferon, peginterferon
Proton Pump Inhibitors	rabeprazole
Pediatric Growth Hormone	somatropin
Incretin Mimetics	exenatide
Amylinomimetics	pramlintide
Low/Non-Sedating Antihistamines	fexofenadine desloratadine

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Patients are identified as Lock-In on their monthly eligibility card or by contacting the Medicaid Eligibility Line at 800-642-6092. In order to properly monitor these patients, providers should not allow Lock-in patients to pay for services on a cash basis for any reason. Nebraska Medicaid periodically reviews the utilization of services for each Lock-in patient. Any provider can refer a patient for evaluation to the Department's Utilization Review Committee by contacting the Nebraska Medicaid Pharmacy Program at (877) 255-3092.

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