Messages for Remittance Advices dated May 15, 2025 – May 22, 2025

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| TO: Rehabilitation Hospital Provider Type 26, Specialty R1 | RE: Acute Care Rehabilitation Hospital Prior Authorizations (PAs) |
| Effective May 1, 2025, Arkansas Department of Human Services will make changes to allow Rehabilitation Hospital providers (PT26/R1) to submit initial PA requests through the Provider Portal for ten (10) days rather than seven (7) days.  PA Process 1. Providers may submit new Prior Authorization (PA) requests for the first ten (10) days of the Rehabilitation Hospital stay rather than seven (7).  2. The process to submit PA requests has not changed.  3. Providers will continue to submit PA request via the Provider Portal as they do today.  4. Include documentation supporting the PA request for the initial ten (10) days. The following documentation is needed:  --Admission History and Physical- This can be a summary of the H&P or the full document.  --Therapy evaluations with goals and any outcomes if available as of the date of submission.  --Daily clinical information to document the severity of illness and intensity of service for each day- This may include a summary of the daily clinical information, or a daily progress note for each date of service.  --Therapy notes showing time of session, participation, and progress.  --Discharge planning to document any issues that could affect discharge such as placement issues or equipment needs.  5. The submission of a PA request does not guarantee approval. Documentation submitted must support the medical necessity for the admission.  6. If additional/subsequent hospital days are needed, PA extensions can be requested through the normal process used today (PA Extensions may be requested through the Provider Portal).  7. Prior authorization of service does not guarantee eligibility for a member. Payment is still subject to verification that the member was eligible at the time services are provided.  8. All records are subject to retrospective review.  https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/ON-013-25.docx | |
| to: Pharmacy providers | RE: Prime Therapeutics Pharmacy Point of Sale System Will Be Down |
| Prime Therapeutics will be performing maintenance to the pharmacy point of sale system beginning Saturday, May 24 at 10:30 PM CT and lasting approximately 3.5 hours until 2:00 AM CT May 25. The pharmacy point of sale claims system will be down during this time-frame. | |

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| TO: All Providers | RE: New Edit for NDC Units Billed |
| The Arkansas Department of Human Services has made updates to the MMIS core system to ensure claims are billed in accordance with the National Drug Code (NDC) billing instructions found in Section II of the appropriate Manuals noted in the Official Notice link below.  Effective May 1, 2025, a new edit will post and pay all claims which are not billed in accordance with Arkansas Policy related to the Drug Procedure (HCPCS/CPT) to NDC Relationship and Billing Principles.  - To ensure your claims are billed correctly and with appropriate units, providers should refer to examples found in Section II of the appropriate manuals noted in the Official Notice link below.  - There are NDC Units Calculator tools available through various vendors.  - Explanation of Benefit (EOB) 1257 – Submitted NDC Units are Greater than Covered HCPCS Units; will appear on your remittance advice for informational purposes. However, the detail will continue through processing without denial at this time.  After the 90-day grace period, edit 1014 will be changed to deny for the claim lines that are billed incorrectly. An additional official notice will be published indicating the grace period is ending.  https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/ON-012-25.docx | |
| To: Dental providers | RE: Dental Coverage Update for FRAIL and Working Disabled |
| The FRAIL Benefit Plan has expanded dental coverage to include all ages and races.  The Working Disabled Plan has expanded dental coverage to include children.  Please refer to the updated Dental Benefit Plan Crosswalk located at https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/240118\_Dental\_BenePlanCrosswalk.xlsx | |
| TO: Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC), Hospital, Nurse Practitioner, and Physician providers | RE: Coverage Updates for Procedure Codes J0741 and J1324 |
| The Arkansas Department of Human Services has updated coverage for the procedure codes identified below retroactive to 5/1/2024. The minimum age for J0741 now requires a PA and has been lowered from 18-20 to 12-20. PA is also now required for J1324.  J0741 INJ, CABOTE RILPIVIR 2MG 3MG  J1324 ENFUVIRTIDE INJECTION | |
| TO: Physician Providers | RE: Coverage Updates for Procedure Codes 37252 and 37253 |
| The Arkansas Department of Human Services has updated coverage for the procedure codes identified below to include POS 19 and 22. This update is retroactive to 5/1/2024.  37252 INTRVASC US NONCORONARY 1ST  37253 INTRVASC US NONCORONARY ADDL  Claims analysis will be performed to identify and reprocess any claims that may have denied before the coverage was updated. | |

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| TO: Arkansas Health Department, Certified Nurse-Midwife (CNM), Federally Qualified Health Center, Nurse Practitioner, and Physician Providers | RE: Coverage Updates for Procedure Codes 11976, 11982, 58300, and 58301 |
| The Arkansas Department of Human Services has updated coverage retroactive to 3/1/2024 for the procedure codes/contracts as outlined below.  FAMPL  11976 FP - REMOVE CONTRACEPTIVE CAPSULE BY PHYSICIAN/DOH/FP/FQHC/AHEC/NURSE PRACTITIONER  Expanded to be covered in FQHC for Certified Nurse-Midwife and covered when performed by a Nurse Practitioner.  11976 FP U1 - REMOVAL OF IMPLANTABLE CONTRACEPTIVE CAPSULES - DURING INPT STAY  Expanded to include Nurse Practitioners.  58300 FP SB - INSERTION OF INTRAUTERINE DEVICE (IUD)  Expanded to be covered in FQHC and covered when performed by a Certified Nurse-Midwife.  58300 FP - INSERTION OF INTRAUTERINE DEVICE (IUD)  Expanded to be covered in FQHC and covered when performed by a Nurse Practitioner.  58300 FP U1 - INSERTION OF IUD FOR PREGNANCY PREVENTION - DURING INPATIENT STAY  Expanded to be covered when billed by an FQHC only when performed in POS 21.  58301 FP SB - REMOVAL OF INTRAUTERINE DEVICE (IUD); + PROVIDER TAXONOMY AND/OR MOD  Expanded to be covered in FQHC and covered when performed by a Certified Nurse-Midwife  58301 FP - REMOVAL OF INTRAUTERINE DEVICE (IUD)  Expanded to be covered in FQHC and covered when performed by a Nurse Practitioner.  58301 FP U1 - REMOVAL OF IUD - DURING INPATIENT STAY  Expanded to be covered when billed by an FQHC only performed in POS 21.  MEDSV & NURSP  11982 - REMOVE DRUG IMPLANT DEVICE  Coverage updated to only be allowed to be billed by FQHC when performed in POS 19, 22 or 23. Otherwise it needs to be billed as an Encounter.  Claims analysis will be performed going back one year. | |

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