

Attention TRICARE Providers

Clarification and update on Home Infusion Therapy Services

RE: TRICARE Policy Manual, Chapter 8, Section 20.1 and Chapter 8, Section 9.1

Home Infusion Therapy includes:

- Skilled Nursing Services
- Drugs and Compounding services
- Medical Supplies and Durable Medical Equipment (DME)

In an effort to reduce out of pocket cost, TRICARE Management Activity has engaged their TRICARE Pharmacy Contractor-Express Scripts (ESI) to assist with infusion therapy services. If long term infusion therapy is needed and the beneficiary or caregiver is capable and willing to self-administer, coverage of the drug may be offered by their TRICARE pharmacy (TPharm) benefit.

Prior authorization requests for home infusion therapy will continue to be processed by Humana Military. Claims for skilled nursing services, medical supplies and DME will continue to be processed by Humana Military. If the claim for the drug should be covered under the TRICARE pharmacy (TPharm) benefit, your referral/authorization confirmation will give direction when to file the claim for the drug to ESI.

Infusion therapy may be approved in the home for homebound beneficiaries . If the non-homebound beneficiary (or caregiver, such as a spouse) is capable and willing to learn to self-administer the infusion drug, and self-administration in the home is medically appropriate it may also be approved in the home. The beneficiary's homebound status and their capability and willingness to learn should be indicated on the authorization request.

For more information, please refer to the TRICARE Policy Manual (Chapter references are listed above). The manuals can be found at www.tricare.osd.mil

If you wish to determine if the drug requested requires prior authorization please go to the secured provider portal-MyHMHS for Providers at www.humana-military.com using the Code Look-up feature.

FAQs for Providers:

What does the change mean to providers?

The authorization process has not changed. Submit your request to Humana Military. Direction will be provided in the confirmation autofax determining whether or not the approved infusion drug will go through TPharm (ESI) or not. All drugs approved through TPharm will have to be billed through ESI.

Why is TRICARE making this change?

Cost of Care is very high on the list for TRICARE Management Activity to find ways to sustain the benefit for the deserving men and women currently in the military, their families, and retirees and their families. Cost for infusion drugs (both out of pocket from the beneficiary and TRICARE) can be better monitored and paid correctly to the provider by bringing in the TRICARE Pharmacy Contractor-Express Scripts.

When is this change being implemented?

As of January 30th, 2012, with new requests for Infusion Therapy, providers will begin to see new messaging and direction on their confirmation autofax.