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Important Changes to New York State Medicaid

As everyone is probably aware, the New York State Medicaid system is getting overhauled and many aspects of it are changing greatly. What this means to people on Medicaid with bleeding disorders is still uncertain.

What we do know for sure is that come October 1st, when the rest of the medications in NY State will be going to the pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), clotting factors will remain a fee for service item, billed directly to Medicaid. For the time being factor users will not have any changes to the way they obtain their clotting factor.

While clotting factor products are temporarily carved out of the Managed Care system, other prescriptions a person with bleeding disorders has will have go through the PBMs associated with their Medicaid Managed Care accounts. This does not mean that Medicaid recipients will necessarily have to change what pharmacy they get those medications from but rather the insurance carrier will be paying for them instead of Medicaid. Managed Care participants will have to contact their pharmacy or insurer to determine if their pharmacy is in network with their new PBM.

This is only a temporary setup. The Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) is looking at how to best incorporate clotting factors into the Managed Care system. There is no specific timeline for their inclusion, but the State does recognize the importance of clotting factor and the specialized needs of the bleeding disorders community.

If you have any questions please feel free to give us a call at 315.829.3604.