

Pharmacy Coverage Policy Retrospective Drug Utilization Review Quality Assurance

Humana Gold Plus Integrated (Medicare-Medicaid Plan)

Description

The Retrospective Drug Utilization Review (RDUR) program's purpose is to make your care better by making sure your drugs are:

- 1. The right drugs,
- 2. Needed for your care, and/or
- 3. Not going to cause bad results.

This check happens "after" the drug has been given to you.

Each Retrospective Drug Utilization Campaign is checked and approved by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (P&T). The P&T Committee puts rules in place for the Concurrent and Retrospective DUR programs. The Committee is a group of active doctors, pharmacists, and other health care people that check the safe use of drugs (Food and Drug Administration approved and untested [new] drugs) and the way drugs are taken. The Committee gives advice to doctors who give prescriptions, to pharmacists and helps to make patterns of fraud, waste and abuse better.

Drugs that may be unsafe if not used the right way have Utilization Management (UM) (i.e. Prior Authorization, Step Therapy, and Quantity Limits) rules for use. If the P&T Committee finds that rules are needed and should be put into place, these rules are made with help from drug experts.

Retrospective DUR checks the number of adverse drug events (ADEs), checks drug use in patients or checks patterns of doctors who give drugs. Concurrent DUR review allows pharmacists to work with doctors who wrote for the drugs to be changed or stopped from possible problems.

Retrospective DUR can be used as a tool for doctors who give prescriptions. The DUR program checks for the possible drug related problems, patients' age, number of doctors and pharmacists the patient uses and other drugs being taken. Criteria used are:

Medical criteria

Drug-drug interactions: Checks for members who are taking 2 or more drugs at the

same time that can cause bad problems.

Drug-disease interactions: Checks for members who are taking drugs with certain

health condition that may make them feel bad or cause

problems to happen.

Use Criteria

Overuse: Checks for members who get too much drugs or for

longer periods of time.

Underuse: Checks for members who may not be taking drugs as

needed to them feel better.

Retrospective DUR Activities

Retrospective DUR checks are done every 3-months. Drug claims are checked against P&T approved rules. Reports are made and reviewed for correct drug

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use.

Drug claims are checked for likely bad drug events. If a problem is found, letters are sent to all doctors who prescribed a drug that relates to the problem found from the check.

The review is done after a drug is handed out and tells of likely problems.

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