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TO: ALL PRACTITIONERS PARTICIPATING IN THE NEW MEXICO MEDICAID PROGRAM

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SUBJECT: UNIFORM NEW MEXICO HEPATITIS C VIRUS CHECKLIST- REPEAL AND REPLACE MAD 634 FORM

ATTACHMENTS: Revised MAD 634 -"Uniform New Mexico HCV Checklist" and MAD 635 -"Drug Prior Authorization Form" for Centennial Care

The New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) Medical Assistance Division (MAD) has revised the MAD 634 form – "Uniform New Mexico HCV Checklist" for Centennial Care.

Effective immediately, requested medication treatments for both Fee-For-Service (FFS) and Managed Care Organization (MCO) members with HCV will require approval based on the following guidelines:

- 1. Prescribers will be required to submit all treatment requests using the MAD 635 -"Drug Prior Authorization Form" and the revised MAD 634 -"Uniform New Mexico HCV Checklist" for Centennial Care (attached).
- 2. Properly requested treatment will include:
 - a. The checklist form is completed fully as directed and submitted;
 - b. Necessary lab data and copies of medical records are attached; and
 - c. The requested drug(s), dose(s), and length of treatment are consistent with AASLD/IDSA guidance as written (the level of evidence in the guidance should not be considered relevant to length of treatment decisions).
- 3. Requests regarding off-label, experimental, and other forms of treatment that are not specified in the guidelines:
 - a. FFS requesting physicians will present the case to Project ECHO before submitting the request;
 - b. MCOs will require a peer to peer consultation with the requesting physician to further understand the request and its rationale; and
 - c. If MCOs disagree with the requesting physician, MCOs will present the case to Project ECHO before issuing a denial.

The forms can be located on the HSD website in the "Providers" section, under the "Managed Care" vertical tab: <u>https://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/Default.aspx</u>

If you have questions regarding the above information, you may contact Conduent's Henderson Pharmacy Helpdesk at 1.800.365.4944 option 3.