

interChange Provider Important Message

Attention: All Prescribing Providers and Pharmacies

The Department of Social Services (DSS) is permanently suspending the diagnosis code requirement for all opioid medication prescriptions. This requirement became effective on October 16, 2019 as communicated via Provider Bulletin 2019-67 and caused pharmacy claims submitted for opioid medications without a valid and documented ICD-10 diagnosis code to deny with National Council for Prescription Drug Program (NCPDP) Reject code 39 - Missing/Invalid Diagnosis Code. The edit was suspended after initial implementation and was scheduled to be reactivated on December 16, 2019.

This Important Message serves as official notification that DSS will **not reactivate** the edit on December 16, 2019 and is permanently suspending the diagnosis code requirements for opioid medications.