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To: MaineCare Providers
From: Roger Bondeson – Director of Operations
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Re: MaineCare 15 Day Initial Script Limit Update

In 2009, MaineCare introduced a fifteen-day initial prescription supply limit. The program covers various medications that have been associated with high side effect profiles, high discontinuation rates, or frequent dose adjustment. The recent releases of new high cost oral antiviral drugs, such as Olysio and Sovaldi, indicated for the treatment of hepatitis C has led to a clinical review of these medications. The review found that, compared to standard treatment options over the past several years, these new medication show potential for better tolerance and shorter duration of therapy. However, due to high discontinuation rates of previous products and the extreme cost of these new medications, MaineCare will begin limiting initial prescriptions for these products to a 14-day supply, effective 3/21/14.

For a complete list of the of 15-day initial script, please refer to www.mainecarepdl.org.
