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**To:** MaineCare Providers  
**From:** Jill Kingsbury, Director of Pharmacy  
**Date:** December 19, 2017  
**Re:** **Update: Postponed-Maintenance Rule Effective December 20, 2017**

The Maintenance Rule which was planned to be implemented on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 has been **postponed** until the first of the year. A new communication will be sent out notifying pharmacies of the new implementation date.

**If you have any questions, please contact Change Healthcare at 888-420-9711.**

All drugs defined by Medispan as "Maintenance" medication will be required to be dispensed in a 90-day supply after an initial 30-day fill. If the member has previously been on the medication and received 30 days of the medications listed below they will need to get 90-day supply with the current refill. If you are trying to fill for less than 90 days, the rejection you will receive is:

**Maintenance Drug: 90-day supply required.**

There are exceptions to the Maintenance requirement:

- Maintenance Rule does not apply to Brand name medications
- Members identified in member eligibility as Long-Term Care recipients will be exempt from the requirements of the 90-day maintenance rule.
- Control substances considered maintenance medications will also not be considered and will be excluded from the 90-day rule.