Authorization Enhancement to Add New Fields in Availity

Beginning October 22, 2018, the Inpatient and Outpatient Authorization and Auth/Referral Inquiry screens in Availity® will reflect the following enhancements for Florida Blue:

Modifiers

When additional information is needed to advise how, where or why a service or procedure will be performed, a 2-digit modifier can further describe the service or procedure.

Florida Blue will begin accepting one modifier per procedure code for inpatient and outpatient authorizations. The Availity screen allows up to 16 procedure codes per request. The modifier will be an optional field. The authorization and inquiry response screens will reflect the modifier, if used.

National Drug Code

The 11-digit National Drug Code (NDC) will now be accepted on outpatient authorizations.

Procedure Code Quantity, Qualifier and Frequency

Optional fields are being added to provide additional details for Medical Pharmacy around drug quantity, frequency and duration. This will improve overall payment accuracy.

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Outpatient Request Screen Changes

Current Outpatient Authorization Screen:

Procedure Code 1: ?  Type: CPT/HCPCS
Quantity: ?

From
MM DD YYYY
To
MM DD YYYY

New Outpatient Authorization Screen:

* Procedure Code 1: ?  Type: CPT/HCPCS

Modifier:
Service Quantity: Type: Select One
Time Period Quantity: Qualifier: Select One
Timeframe Frequency: Qualifier: Select One

From
MM DD YYYY
To
MM DD YYYY

Outpatient Authorization

Values for Fields: Service Quantity, Time Period Quantity and Timeframe Frequency

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Inpatient Request Screen Changes

Current Inpatient Authorization Screen:

Procedure Code 1:  
Quantity:  
From  
To  

New Inpatient Authorization Screen:

Procedure Code 1:  
Modifier:  
Service Quantity:  

Authorization Response Example

For details regarding Florida Blue’s referral and authorization requirements, please refer to the Manual for Physicians and Providers on our website at floridablue.com.