

To: Network Pharmacy
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The Pharmacy Audit Whisperer – Maintaining Rx Compliance

The purpose of this communication is to share reminders and tips on:

- Appropriate utilization of Service Code Override 13
- Best practices for claims submission

Appropriate utilization of Service Code Override 13 (SCC-13)

- Appropriate use and documentation requirements for SCC-13 were outlined in April's edition of The Pharmacy Whisperer.
- Utilize SCC-13 override when the patient has indicated they are asking for refills due to the COVID-19 crisis or other payer recognized emergency/disaster situation. Patient request for the early refill must be documented as such in the prescription hard copy or pharmacy system. Document date and time of patient request, as well as requestor's name.
- Do not use SCC-13 to override refill too soon rejection and obtain paid claim if the early fill is not related to state of emergency. Do not use SCC-13 to override lost/stolen medication if loss is not related to state of emergency. Lack of proper documentation, abusive, or careless use of SCC-13 is subject to audit and charge backs.
- Ensure your pharmacy claims adjudication software does not carry over the SCC-13 across refills to avoid audit scrutiny. Multiple instances have been found where claims submission included SCC-13 without a need (ex. refill was not early, no rejection messages found).

Best practices for claims submission:

The following tips and reminders are based on recent discrepancies found during audit and claims reviews:

- Ensure member ID is accurate when submitting claims.
- If member information is obtained through a centralized database between pharmacies, it is recommended to verify additional identifiers beyond name and date of birth to avoid billing under the incorrect member profile. For example, address and phone number.
- When utilizing online calculators to determine dispense quantity for topical products, such as Santyl or Regranex, keep in mind the calculator rounds up the quantity needed based on meeting the minimum days' supply entered. Plan parameters are not taken into account with those tools. Best practice is to ensure that wound measurements are documented on the prescription hard copy.
- The NDC number of the dispensed drug, matching the package size, must be billed to accurately reflect the dispensed product. Billing of similar NDC is not allowed and will be subject to audit chargebacks, according to audit findings. This requirement is outlined in the Elixir Pharmacy Manual.

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If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact Pharmacyaudits@elixirsolutions.com

Thank you,
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