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New Hampshire

To: AmeriHealth Caritas New Hampshire Providers

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Subject: New quantity limits on ivermectin

Summary: AmeriHealth Caritas New Hampshire has a new quantity limit for ivermectin. Ivermectin is limited to 10 tablets per 90 days.

There has been an increase in the inappropriate prescribing, dispensing, and use of ivermectin to prevent or treat COVID-19, according to The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).¹

The CDC issued an advisory, saying ivermectin is not authorized or approved for the prevention or treatment of COVID-19. They warn¹ about the potentially toxic effects of the drug, including "nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Overdoses are associated with hypotension and neurologic effects such as decreased consciousness, confusion, hallucinations, seizures, coma and death."

Due to the increase in prescribing and dispensing of ivermectin, we are implementing a quantity limit of 10 tablets per 90 days. This quantity covers the dose needed to treat the FDA-approved indications for ivermectin. The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services has approved this quantity limit.

Questions:

Thank you for your participation in our network and your continued commitment to the care of our members. If you have questions about this communication, please contact your Provider Account Executive or the Provider Services department at **1-888-599-1479**.

CDC Health Alert Network. *Rapid Increase in Ivermectin Prescriptions and Reports of Severe Illness Associated with Use of Products Containing Ivermectin to Prevent or Treat COVID-19*, August 26, 2021. <https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2021/han00449.asp>. Accessed October 14, 2021.