

PACE PROVIDER BULLETIN

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PRESCRIPTIONS for BRAND MEDICATIONS

To avoid auditing issues when processing claims for BRAND Medications, PACE providers are reminded that:

- PACE requires that original prescriptions be retained for 4 years at the principal place of business.
- The use of e-prescribing is to be in accordance with Chapter 27 of the Pennsylvania Code, **§27.201 Electronically transmitted prescriptions.**
- When PACE is the primary payer:
 - Claims submitted for A-Rated brands will deny unless PACE Provider Services has been contacted and a medical exception has been granted.
 - A request for a “Brand Medically Necessary” exception will be considered for:
 - **Prescription Origin Code 1 / DAW 1** -- Written prescriptions which contain “Brand Medically Necessary” in the prescriber’s own handwriting.
 - **Prescription Origin Code 3 / DAW 1** -- Electronic or E-prescriptions in which the prescriber specifically directs the brand to be dispensed instead of the generic.
 - **Prescription Origin Code 4 / DAW 1** -- Faxed (facsimile) of an original written prescription containing “Brand Medically Necessary” in the prescriber’s own handwriting.
 - **Prescription Origin Code 2/ DAW 1** – Telephone prescriptions directing that the brand is “Medically Necessary” **cannot** be considered for medical exception.
 - Medical Exceptions, for retail pharmacy claims, **cannot** be granted after the medication has been dispensed.
 - The prescriber will be contacted by the Program to document the clinical reason for the “Brand Medically Necessary” designation. The Medical Exception authorization will not be extended if prescribers fail to respond or supply acceptable documentation.

Questions may be directed to Provider Services at:
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