

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



Department of Health Care Finance

**** PHARMACY LOCK-IN PROGRAM NOTICE ****

TO: District of Columbia providers of Medicaid Fee-For-Service

FROM: The Department of Health Care Finance

DATE: February 7, 2017

SUBJECT: Pharmacy Lock-In Program Implementation

Effective March 9, 2017, the District of Columbia Department of Health Care Finance will implement a Pharmacy Lock-In Program. Beneficiaries on this program must use only one (1) assigned pharmacy location to fill all of District of Columbia Medicaid covered prescriptions.

Beneficiaries selected for this program are at risk of exceeding the customarily prescribed dosages or utilization through a history of one or more of the following:

- Beneficiary has been prescribed three (3) or more controlled substance prescriptions per month;
- Beneficiary has three (3) or more prescribers for controlled substances within the last ninety (90) days;
- Beneficiary has been prescribed ten (10) or more prescriptions per month; or
- Beneficiary has utilized three (3) or more pharmacies per month

Prior to placing a beneficiary into the Pharmacy Lock-In program, a notification will be sent to inform the beneficiary about the decision.

This ruling will remain in place for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months unless the beneficiary files a fair hearing and the D.C. Office of Administrative Hearings rules in favor of the beneficiary.

Should you have questions about this notice or need assistance regarding the Pharmacy Lock-in Program, please contact Magellan (Pharmacy Benefit Manager) at 1-800-273-4962 (Provider Phone Line) and/or District of Columbia Medicaid at 202-442-5988.