

Commercial Claim Payment Bulletin - Pharmacy Benefit

Title: Convenience Packs

Policy #: Rx.04.3

Application of pharmacy policy is determined by benefits and contracts. Benefits may vary based on product line, group, or contract. Some medications may be subject to precertification, age, quantity, or formulary restrictions (ie limits on non-preferred drugs). Individual member benefits must be verified.

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Members are advised to use participating pharmacies in order to receive the highest level of benefits.

Intent:

The intent of this policy is to communicate the coverage position of convenience packs.

Description:

Convenience packs combine two or more individual drug products into a single package. Products included in a convenience pack may include prescription products, over the counter products, and/or products not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Policy:

Coverage is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations of the member's contract.

Convenience packs as described above are not covered under the pharmacy benefit because each product is available independently.

A prescriber may issue a prescription or prescriptions for the individual components of the convenience pack. The individual components will be covered pursuant to the terms of member's benefit.

Examples of convenience packs include, but are not limited to:

- DermacinRx Chlorhexacin, which contains the following:
 - Mupirocin 2% ointment – covered as a pharmacy benefit
 - Chlorhexidine gluconate 4% solution, dimethicone 5% cream not covered (not an FDA approved product)
- Diclovix DM PAK 1.5-8% which contains the following:
 - Diclofenac sodium solution 1.5% - covered as a pharmacy benefit
 - Menthol gel 8% therapy pack – not covered (not FDA approved product)

References:

N/A

Cross References:

Non-FDA approved Products Rx.04.2

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