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Modification to Opioid Prior Authorization Requirements for Federal Employee Program (FEP) Members

In November, the Federal Employee Program Directors Office (FEPDO) Pharmacy added a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) program requirement to all Opioid Prior Authorization (PA) policies. The requirement was added as a prescriber attestation question in response to the FDA's September 2018 REMS communique requiring manufacturers to make education and training programs available to health care providers involved in the management of pain.

While the FDA strongly encourages physicians to participate in the education and training programs, they have decided not to mandate the requirement. As such, FEPDO Pharmacy has decided to remain in alignment and remove the attestation as a requirement. The question will remain on the PA prescriber form; however, the responses will only be collected for research purposes. Prescriber responses to the attestation question will have no impact on the determination of the Prior Approval request. Providers that submitted prior PA requests are being contacted to reprocess their requests and members will be notified of the decision.

Questions?

If you have questions regarding FEP members, please contact FEP provider services at **(651) 662-5044** or **1-800-859-2128**.

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