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IB3: TIME LIMITED ORDERS

Policy

New time limited medication orders are subject to clarification if no stop date is indicated unless the medication orders specify the number of doses or duration of medication. A time limit is included in recapped orders.

Procedures

- A. The following classes of medications, whether the order is for routine or as needed (PRN) use, need a specified number of doses or duration of administration. If the number of doses or duration are not specified by the prescriber the following durations will apply while the provider pharmacy awaits clarification:
- 1) Anti-infectives (oral and parenteral) for acute conditions: **7 days**.
 - 2) Antidiarrheals: **3 days**
 - 3) Lovenox/Fragmin: **5 days**
 - 4) Ophthalmic and Otic antibiotic and steroid preparations for acute problems: **10 days**.
- B. Antibiotic medications are subject to prescribing mandates per CMS effective 11/28/2017. The provider pharmacy policy on filling antibiotics is as follows:
- 1) Stop dates or designation of indefinite administration must be documented on order.
 - 2) If order does not contain documentation of stop date/indefinite, the provider pharmacy will fill the following duration: **7 days**.
 - 3) Order must contain documentation from prescriber of supporting diagnosis for administration of antibiotic. An "Antibiotic Stewardship" form (see FORMS) will be communicated to facility if order is missing diagnosis documentation. Facility should complete form and return form to provider pharmacy.

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C. Effective 11/28/2017, CMS redefined the class definition of psychotropic medications to include the below listed drug classes. The prescribing of PRN psychotropic are time limited to a maximum day supply of 14 day duration for Hospice, ICF, SNF and ALF homes. Homes that are coded as SMRF are except from this policy. A "PRN Psychotropic" form is communicated by provider pharmacy to facility on all PRN psychotropic orders. A continuation order or new order is required for each fill.

- 1) Antidepressants
- 2) Antipsychotics
- 3) Anxiolytics
- 4) Anxiolytics and Sedative Hypnotics
- 5) Mood Stabilizers