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To: Centennial Care 2.0 Managed Care Organizations

From: Dana Flannery, Director, Medical Assistance Division 

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Subject: Repeal of Hepatitis C Checklist

Title: Repeal of Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Checklist and Elimination of Prior Authorization for glecaprevir/pibrentasivir (Mavyret®) and sofosbuvir/velpatasvir (Epclusa®)

The National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable (NVHR) and Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation (CHLPI) with Harvard Law School publish a national report rating state Medicaid access for Hepatitis C treatment. New Mexico currently scores a B, with the goal of moving to an A by eliminating barriers to access. With collaboration of stakeholders for the elimination of Hepatitis C in New Mexico, the “Uniform New Mexico HCV Checklist” will no longer be mandatory for treatment of Hepatitis C in Centennial Care Members. The removal of the mandatory checklist will eliminate unnecessary burdens for providers and patients and increase access to pharmaceutical care.

This addendum to the Centennial Care Policy Manual revised October 1, 2020, will remove the requirement of the “Uniform New Mexico HCV Checklist (MAD 364)” as part of the approval process for medication treatment requests.

The MCO’s will be required to remove any prior authorization and/or step therapy limitations on the following treatments:

glecaprevir/pibrentasivir (Mavyret®)
sofosbuvir /velpatasvir (Epclusa®).

All other medications used in the treatment of Hepatitis C shall follow the MCO’s usual process to provide medication therapy.

This LOD will sunset upon completion of the Centennial Care Program on June 30, 2024. If the policies and/or procedures in this LOD will continue to apply in Turquoise Care, HSD will reissue the LOD under Turquoise Care or will include the direction in one or more of the following: Turquoise Care Agreement, Policy Manual, NMAC, Systems Manual, or BHSD Billing and Systems Manual.