Gabapentin and Pregabalin Updates

Effective with dates of service on and after March 19, 2018, gabapentin and pregabalin will not require a diagnosis code with the submission of a retail pharmacy claim. These drugs may be subject to a clinical or preferred drug list (PDL) prior authorization (PA). Reference the Pharmacy page of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) website for PDL and PA information.

Additionally, the early refill edit for gabapentin and pregabalin will be changed from 80% to 90% for the managed care organizations (MCOs).

Note: The effective date of the policy is March 19, 2018. The implementation of State policy by the KanCare managed care organizations (MCOs) may vary from the date noted in the Kansas Medical Assistance Program (KMAP) bulletins. The KanCare Claims Resolution Logs on the KMAP Bulletins page document the MCO system status for policy implementation and any associated reprocessing completion dates, once the policy is implemented.

For the changes resulting from this provider bulletin, view the updated Pharmacy Fee-for-Service Provider Manual, Section 8400, pages 8-22 through 8-34 and 8-37 through 8-50.