November 6, 2018

TO: ALL Providers

RE: Opioid Refill Threshold Increase

Effective November 26, 2018, Alabama Medicaid will increase the refill tolerance threshold for both agonist and partial agonist opioids from 75% to 85% of the original days’ supply. This applies to all outpatient pharmacy claims for opioids.

The refill tolerance thresholds for all other drugs will remain the same: for quantities equal to or less than a 34-day supply, the refill tolerance threshold will remain at 75% of the original day’s supply. For quantities greater than a 34-day supply, the designated amount is 90% of the original days’ supply.

Policy questions related to this provider notice should be directed to the Pharmacy Clinical Services Program at 334-242-5050.