Physicians Health Plan

Pharmacy Benefit Determination Policy

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Policy Statement:

Physicians Health Plan will cover DAW – 5 brand medication through the Pharmacy Benefit based on approval by the Clinical Pharmacist or Medical Director using the following determination guidelines:

Drugs and Applicable Coding:

None

Clinical Determination Guidelines:

Document the following with chart notes

A. Definition:
   1. DAW5 = Substitution allowed brand drug dispensed as a generic (see Appendix I)
   2. Used when the prescriber has indicated, in a manner specified by prevailing law, that generic substitution is permitted & the pharmacist is utilizing the brand product as the generic entity.

B. Indication: Brand 340-B pricing, nominal price or other brand cost savings program results in a lower cost for the brand product compared to the generic product.

C. Procedure:
   1. Identify those products where the brand is less costly that the generic.
   2. Enter the DAW-5 code in the DAW field.
   3. Charge the patient the generic copay amount for that prescription.

Appendix 1

DISPENSING (DAW) CODES	
DAW 0	**NO DISPENSE AS WRITTEN (Substitution Allowed)** (or no product selection indicated) • Use the DAW 0 code when dispensing a generic drug; that is, when no party (i.e., neither Prescribing Provider, nor pharmacist, nor Participant) requests the branded version of a multi-source product. • Use the DAW 0 code when dispensing a multi-source generic, even if the Prescribing Provider indicates the DAW code for the generic product and does **not** specify a manufacturer. • Also, use the DAW 0 code when dispensing single-source brands (e.g., Lipitor®), because generic substitution is not possible.
DAW 1	**PHYSICIAN writes DISPENSE AS WRITTEN** • Use when the **Prescribing Provider** specifies the branded version of a drug on the hard copy prescription or in the orally communicated instructions. • If Participant requests brand, and it is not a Prescribing Provider-initiated instruction, transmit the DAW 2 code. (See following instruction.)
DAW 2	**PATIENT REQUESTED** • Use this code when the **Participant** requested the branded drug even though the original prescription did not indicate "Dispense As Written".
DAW 3	**PHARMACIST SELECTED BRAND**
DAW 4	**GENERIC NOT IN STOCK**
DAW 5	**BRAND DISPENSED, PRICED AS GENERIC** • Use when dispensing a brand as a generic. • Claims submitted with DAW 5 will be reimbursed at the generic price.
DAW 6	**OVERRIDE**
DAW 7	**SUBSTITUTION NOT ALLOWED; BRAND MANDATED BY LAW**
DAW 8	**GENERIC NOT AVAILABLE**
DAW 9	**OTHER**

References and Resources:

1. Dispensing (DAW) codes retrieved from http://pskills.pharm.ku.edu/rxgenerator/tp/DAWCodes.html on 8/20/15.

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