Pharmacists Added as Medicaid Providers Eff. January 17, 2021 &
Additional Medicaid OAC Clarifications Eff. January 15, 2021

Effective January 17, 2021, Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule changes allow pharmacists to serve as rendering practitioners for certain Ohio Medicaid services. When rendering services as an employee of community behavioral health agencies (Medicaid provider types 84 and 95), pharmacists are able to render the following activities:

- Managing medication therapy under a consulting agreement with a prescribing practitioner
- Administering immunizations
- Administering medications

In order to bill Ohio Medicaid for pharmacists managing medication therapy, the following Evaluation and Management CPT codes may be used as indicated in the 1/15/21 revision of the Medicaid Behavioral Health Provider Manual.

- 99202, 99203 – Evaluation and management, new patients
- 99211, 99212, 99213 – Evaluation and management, existing patients

In addition, the following CPT codes may be billed for vaccine administration:

- 90640, 90460, 90471, 90472, 90473, 90474, 96372

Pharmacists have been added as rendering practitioners for medications administered by medical personnel listed in the Medicaid Behavioral Health Provider Manual. For medications not listed in the Medicaid Behavioral Health Provider manual, please see the policy, coverage and fee schedule in Ohio Administrative Code in rule 5160-4-12. The fee schedule may be found here: https://www.medicaid.ohio.gov/Provider/FeeScheduleandRates/SchedulesandRates#1682583-provider-administered-pharmaceuticals.

Additional OAC Rule Clarification
In addition to changes adding pharmacists as eligible providers, amendments have been made to Ohio Administrative Code Rule Chapter 5160-27 as follows:

- 5160-27-01: Clarifies the list of provider types unlicensed practitioners may operate under with general supervision. Licensed providers continue to be subject to requirements in paragraph (A).
- 5160-27-02: Clarifies coverage of peer recovery services and updates references related to telehealth.
- 5160-27-03: Adds new billing code for prolonged services in Appendix A.