

ABCBS COVID-19 update on plan changes to serve our members - 4/6/2020

Early Refills

- Allowing 30 or 90 days' supply Rx's on maintenance medications
- Non-maintenance drugs used daily may be approved by exception

Prior Authorization

Extending PA records on many medications through the **pharmacy benefit** that are set to expire between March 23 and June 30 – for 90 days. For instance, if a prior authorization is set to expire on May 15, the expiration date will be extended to August 15.

- We do not plan to lift PA requirements on any drug/therapeutic class at this time (pharmacy or medical).

Qty Limits (QL)

Chloroquine, hydroxychloroquine, Kaletra and azithromycin

- Chloroquine, hydroxychloroquine: 10-day supply, limit of one fill per 60 days
- Kaletra: 14-day supply, limit of one fill per 60 days
- Azithromycin 250 mg tablets, limit of 6 tablets or one blister pack of 6 tablets per five days; limit of one fill per 60 days.

Drug supply shortages:

- Inhalers and hydroxychloroquine and are being monitored, as supplies are tight
- Wholesalers are limiting pharmacy orders to 125% of previous orders to limit stockpiling of certain drugs
- CVS Caremark is monitoring drug prices to ensure inflation does not exceed 10%
- On March 28, 2020, the FDA issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to allow hydroxychloroquine sulfate and chloroquine phosphate products to be distributed and used for certain hospitalized patients with COVID-19.
- There is currently no approved treatment or preventative measure for COVID-19. FDA and FTC are closely monitoring social media, the online marketplace, and incoming reports for fraudulent COVID-19 products on the market.