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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES
Bureau for Medical Services

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FAX BLAST

MEMORANDUM

TO: WV Medicaid Pharmacy Providers

FROM: Cynthia Beane, MSW, LCSW
Commissioner

DATE: March 20, 2020

SUBJECT: WV MEDICAID Limited Coverage to Non-Insured Patients
Experiencing Symptoms Related to COVID-19 infection

Due to the World Health Organization declaring Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) a pandemic, the West Virginia Bureau for Medical Services (BMS) has been authorized to provide limited coverage to non-insured patients who are experiencing symptoms associated with a possible COVID-19 infection. BMS will continue to monitor the situation and work closely with our state and federal partners gathering further information and directives and will provide further notification if needed.

The following list of medications are available under this temporary emergency benefit:

- Albuterol 90 mcg inhaler
- Guaifenesin
- Dextromethorphan
- Guaifenesin-dextromethorphan solution (Mucinex DM)
- Acetaminophen

Prescriptions written for these medications may be covered for **non-insured** patients by using Medicaid ID number 24000000099.

Prescribers please include on the prescription:

“Dx: For symptoms related to a possible COVID-19 infection “

In order to cover non-insured patients using this single ID number, all automated drug utilization review and clinical safety edits have been turned off in our system. All responsibility for the safety and clinical appropriateness of these medications lies with the prescriber and the filling pharmacist. E-prescribing functionality is still available however, the patient history will not be accurate for the Medicaid ID listed above.