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Tennessee Workers' Compensation Drug Formulary Prescriber Second Notification Letter

[DATE]

[PRESCRIBER'S NAME]

[ADDRESS]

RE: (Insert Claimant Name/Claim Number)

This letter is being sent as a reminder.

After August 28, 2016, the drug formulary adopted by the Tennessee Bureau of Workers' Compensation will be applied in all workers' compensation claims to medications that were prescribed for the first time in that claim on or after January 1, 2016.

After February 28, 2017, the formulary will be applied to all prescriptions including those written for any refills or medications that have been prescribed prior to January 1, 2016.

Any affected medications that have not been approved through the workers' compensation utilization review (UR) process may not be reimbursed under workers' compensation. **Be aware that the carriers may not pay for any of the following types of medications if they are prescribed and/or dispensed to workers' compensation patients without prior approval.**

- Drugs identified with a status of "N" in the current edition of the Official Disability Guidelines Treatment in Workers' Compensation (ODG®) Appendix A, and any updates thereto;
- Any compound or topical;
- Any investigational or experimental drug that has not yet been identified as a "Y" or "N" drug (in the ODG® formulary) for which there is early, developing scientific or clinical evidence demonstrating the potential efficacy of the treatment, but which is not yet accepted as the prevailing standard of care.

If you intend to prescribe the affected medications that do require prior approval to your workers' compensation patients, please be sure to make the request with sufficient time to allow for the utilization review process to be completed so that your patients are not delayed in receiving their medications. If you intend to dispense affected medications to your workers' compensation patients, please ensure that any affected medications dispensed have been approved before billing for these medications. Please be advised that an utilization review approval of an affected medication only approves the requested fill and does not mean that future fills of the medication are approved or that the medication is no longer subject to the drug formulary rules.

For more information about the drug formulary, please visit the Bureau's website at:
<http://www.tn.gov/workforce/article/wc-drug-formulary>.