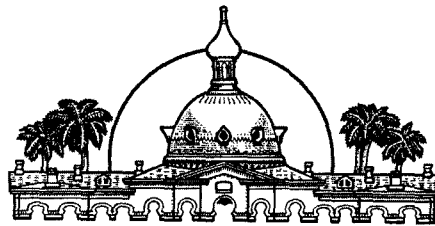


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Memorandum to Hillsborough County Health Care Plan (HCHCP) Core Medical Services, Specialty Medical Services, and Hospital Providers

RE: Changes to HCHCP Covered Services for Chronic Pain Management, Limitations on Prescriptions for Controlled Substances & Pre-Authorization Requirements for Certain Related Procedures

This memorandum is to advise you concerning the utilization of therapeutic facet or steroid injections. As has always been the case, these procedures are not covered when utilized as a diagnostic tool. In addition, effective July 1, 2010, the Hillsborough County Health Care Plan (HCHCP) will no longer include chronic pain management services as a plan benefit, except in cases with hematologic/oncologic diagnosis/treatment involving certain blood diseases and cancer, and as described below.

The pain management procedures that have not been covered or will no longer be covered by the HCHCP include, but are not limited to, those listed below. A complete listing of non-covered CPT Codes is available on the KePRO provider website.

- Therapeutic Facet or Steroid Injections (SI) to the joint
- Diagnostic Steroid Injections (SI) and/or Facet Injections or injections to evaluate or assess source of pain
- Anesthesia administration for Epidural Steroid Injections

Members who are already receiving chronic pain management services will be transitioned off of chronic pain management services using the current KePRO pain management provider guidelines, presently in effect and posted on the KePRO website at: <http://hchcp.keprosouth.com/?page=providers>. These guidelines provide for a 60-day transition period and provide alternative programs for members who need to be weaned off of any pain medications (see attachment 1 for alternative programs). Chronic pain management is defined as

greater than 60 days in duration, with the exception of post-surgical events, which may be no greater than 90 days in duration, unless special circumstances exist and the case is approved by HCHCP.

Effective July 15, 2010, prescriptions for controlled substances will now be limited to 60 days for acute pain management events, with the exception of post-surgical events, which can be no greater than 90 days, unless special circumstances exist and the case is approved by HCHCP.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause. However, this decision is necessary to contain costs and for the continuation of Hillsborough County's indigent health care program. If you have any questions, please contact Herm Greenberg, HCHCP contracts manager at (813) 301-7339, or me at (813) 301-7356.

Acute pain management, defined as 60 days or less in duration for non-surgical events and 90 days or less in duration for post-surgical events, will continue to be covered.

Please disseminate this information to your pain management providers and other appropriate providers.

Sincerely,



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List of Referral Resources for Substance Issues

Women's Residential Treatment Center/DACCO

- Angie: 813-384-4060
- Sliding scale
- 6 mo. program

DACCO Comprehensive Coordinating Office 813-984-1818

Adult Rehab Center/Salvation Army

- Intake Coordinator: Chris Nicely: 813-972-0471 ext. 211 (Except Tuesdays)
- Client must have a face to face evaluation first
- 6 mo. program
- Males ONLY
- No fees
- Client must have already gone through detoxification

ACTS Receiving Center

- For detoxification, stabilization and short-term (3-7 days)
- 813-367-2315
- Sliding fee schedule
- General information on different programs ACTS offers: 813-246-4899