POLICY AND PROCEDURE

POLICY NAME: Split-Fill Program	**POLICY ID:** CC.PHAR.24
BUSINESS UNIT: Corporate	**FUNCTIONAL AREA:** Claims and Payments
EFFECTIVE DATE: 3/1/2025	**PRODUCT(S):** Medicaid
REVIEWED/REVISED DATE: 11/2025	
REGULATOR MOST RECENT APPROVAL DATE(S): N/A	

PURPOSE:
The policy will serve to outline the application of a split-fill program on certain high-cost oral chemotherapy and other miscellaneous high-cost specialty medications. The split-fill program gives the first six (6) fills at the maximum fifteen (15) days' supply to establish tolerance to the medication and will eventually reach benefit's maximum allowable days' supply on the seventh (7^{th}) fill and going forward.

The severe side effects often associated with oral chemotherapy and other specialty drugs are a major driver for early medication discontinuation. Many patients who begin a new regimen on these drugs will stop taking their medication(s) within the first 90 days of therapy. In this scenario, any unused medication cannot be returned to pharmacies and is therefore discarded and wasted. The goal of a split-fill program is to reduce waste therefore resulting in reduced costs.

SCOPE:
Centene Pharmacy Services

DEFINITIONS:
P&T - Pharmacy & Therapeutics

PROCEDURE:
The Split-Fill program shall apply for certain medications as approved by the Centene Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P&T) Committee. Centene Pharmacy Services will implement a maximum 15-day limit for the first 3 months (this equates to 6 prescription fills) for members new to a medication that is on the designated split-fill program list. On the 7th and subsequent fills, the drug will revert to the normal quantity limit as a maintenance dose which is then filled up to benefit's maximum allowable days' supply. Most are slated at 4 weeks or a 30-day supply. Centene Pharmacy Services will assign the medications contained in this policy to have a copay one-half of the normal copay assigned to the medication fill for any fills obtaining a 15 or less days' supply.

A member is considered new to medication if the following is met:
- No accumulated use within the past 180 days for the requested medication at a GPI-10 level for at least 6 fills (84 or 90 Day Supply, depending on 14 or 15 day packaging).

The new to medication status may reset if a member discontinues therapy and later resumes, meeting the above criteria again.

Exceptions
- Members requesting an exception to the 15-day fill limit for the first 6 fills may call the Pharmacy Services Call Center to request to bypass the split-fill program to receive a full month's supply.
- Any requests for exceptions coming via prior authorization (PA) request may also be reviewed and potentially approved by a PA pharmacist following the examples below.
- The designated pharmacist may grant an override to bypass the split-fill program for members under the following conditions (confirmation can be given by member, pharmacy, or provider):
  - Member is new to the Health Plan and was established on the medication with previous plan.
  - Not granting the exception could cause serious clinical decline.
  - Member requests full month supply due to logistic issues with obtaining medication (ex: Member has to drive multiple times to pharmacy to pick up the medications with a transportation hardship).

REFERENCES: N/A

ATTACHMENTS:
A: Split Fill Drug List

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES: N/A

REGULATORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: N/A

REVISION LOG

REVISION TYPE	REVISION SUMMARY	DATE APPROVED & PUBLISHED
Ad Hoc	Criteria updated for a member to be considered new to medication: No accumulated use within the past 180 days for the requested medication at a GPI-10 level for at least 6 fills (84 or 90 Day Supply, depending on 14 or 15 day packaging). Added a sentence about the member's history reset: The new to medication status may reset if a member discontinues therapy and later resumes, meeting the above criteria again.	11/2025

POLICY AND PROCEDURE APPROVAL

The electronic approval retained in RSA Archer, the Company's P&P management software, is considered equivalent to a signature.