

Emergency Prescription Assistance Program (EPAP)

Gustav Program Deactivation – October 2, 2008

The Emergency Prescription Assistance Program (EPAP), a joint program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Health and Human Services, provides an efficient way for pharmacies to process claims for prescription medications and limited durable medical equipment (DME) provided to individuals who are from a disaster area declared by the President and who do not have any form of health insurance coverage. Claims for individuals with private insurance, such as an individual health insurance policy or employer-sponsored coverage, public insurance, such as Medicare, Medicaid, or other third party coverage, are not eligible for payment under the EPAP.

Hurricane Gustav EPAP Deactivation Information

- The EPAP Gustav Activation will be ending October 2, 2008 at 11:59 PM ET.
- Pharmacies may continue to submit claims after October 2nd only if they have an eligible Date of Service between 9/2/2008 and 10/2/2008.
- Claims submitted with a Date of Service after 10/2/2008 will be denied as being beyond the covered period for this event.
- All claims must be submitted by November 1, 2008 to be considered for payment under the Gustav EPAP program.
- Claims submitted must continue to meet other coverage guidelines as outlined on page two of this communication.
- Individuals and pharmacies needing more information may call the EPAP help line at 1-866-935-4135 for additional information through November 1, 2008. The EPAP help line will not be available after November 1, 2008.

EPAP Program Guidelines

Eligible individuals may be provided essential pharmaceutical and DME written prescription assistance limited to a one-time 30-day supply for a medication to treat an acute condition, to replace maintenance prescription drugs or medical equipment lost as a direct result of Hurricane Gustav or as a secondary result of loss or damage caused while in transit from the emergency site to the designated shelter facility at no cost to the patient. Contract pharmacies must check for other forms of health insurance coverage at the point of sale to assist in the determination of eligibility.

Eligible individuals must have a new prescription from a licensed health care practitioner, a current prescription bottle, a prescription phoned in by a licensed health care practitioner or proof of an existing prescription in order to receive a prescription fill and/or limited durable medical equipment (e.g. canes, walkers, wheelchairs and diabetic supplies*). Contract pharmacies must dispense the generic form of medication unless otherwise indicated as Brand Medically Necessary (BMN) by the licensed health care practitioner. To submit a prescription for EPAP coverage, pharmacies should include the following information:

- ◆ The Bin number for claim submission is **004410**.
- ◆ The Processor Control Number (PCN) for submission is **EPAP**.
- ◆ The Plan ID for submission is **GUSTAV08**
- ◆ The Group ID for submission is **GUSTAV08**
- ◆ **Member ID** - Pharmacist to enter the Member ID, please use the following:
 - Beneficiary's First Initial from First Name +
 - First Initial from Last Name +
 - Year (YYYY) of Date of Birth +
 - Month (MM) of Date of Birth +
 - Day (DD) of Date of Birth

Example: The Member ID for John Smith born October 4th, 1966 should be entered as JS19661004.

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| ◆ First Name | ◆ Address |
| ◆ Last Name | ◆ City |
| ◆ Gender | ◆ State |
| ◆ Date of Birth | ◆ Zip |

If you have questions regarding the EPAP eligibility, covered drugs and durable medical equipment, claim submission, whether you are an eligible pharmacy provider or if pharmacies would like to inquire how to become a contract provider for EPAP, please contact the **EPAP help line at 1-866-935-4135 for more information.*

Please note that the areas are subject to change and **updates** by FEMA of States and Counties affected by Gustav **can be found on the FEMA website under "major disaster" declarations <http://www.fema.gov/news/disasters.fema#sev1>** or thru additional communications from Affiliated Computer Services, Inc. (ACS).