

Attention Pharmacies

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) published Codeine: Time to Say No in the October 2016 issue of Pediatrics. This article cites growing evidence linking codeine to life-threatening or fatal breathing reactions in children. Effective 3-20-17, claims for codeine containing products will no longer pay at the pharmacy without prior authorization for children < 18 years. An age override prior authorization may be submitted for consideration but will require a benefit vs. risk analysis for using codeine in a pediatric patient as well as why alternative agents including non-pharmacological therapy, non-opioid pharmacological therapy, and other opioids cannot be used in this pediatric patient.

If you have any questions please contact the Idaho Clinical Call Center at 208-364-1829.

Thank You,

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