

## Centene Pharmacy Services Drug Restriction / Benefit Design

### **Appropriate Use & Safety Edits**

Centene Pharmacy Services provides a variety of safety edits to promote the use of the right medication, in the right patient, at the right time for Coordinated Care of Washington, Inc. These edits are routinely updated as new medication entries come to market and in cases of new medication safety alerts to maintain best-in-class safety protocols. The items listed below represent the most recent strategies implemented to improve quality of care and cost containment. It is important to note that this is not a comprehensive list of Centene Pharmacy Services utilization management strategies. For specific medication restriction information, please see the Coordinated Care's Preferred Drug List (PDL).

### **Duplicate Therapy Edits**

Restrictions on claims implemented to prevent members from receiving excessive medication regimens within the same, or similar medication class. *Please note members may utilize up to two medications in any classes listed below with an asterisk (\*)*. Current medication classes with duplicate therapy edits include, but are not limited to:

- ACE Inhibitor/Angiotensin Receptor Blockers (ARB)
- Benzodiazepines\*
- Diabetic Medications
- Muscle Relaxants
- Sedative-Hypnotics
- Selective Serotonin Receptor Inhibitors (SSRI) & Serotonin Norepinephrine Receptor Inhibitors (SNRI)
- Tricyclic Antidepressants (TCA)
- Other Antidepressants\*
- Inhaled Steroids
- Long-Acting Beta Agonist
- Long-Acting Muscarinic Antagonist

### **Severe Drug Interactions**

Identifies when members receive  $\geq 2$  drugs, when taken together, can increase mortality or morbidity.

### **Long Acting Opioids Therapy Duplication**

Identifies the dispensing of two or more drugs within the same therapeutic category for the same member.

### **Additive Toxicity (Cumulative Acetaminophen)**

Identifies members exceeding 4 grams/day of acetaminophen from multiple prescriptions.