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Prescriber Tool Alternative Payment Model

Real-Time Benefits Inquiry Training

General information

- The Prescriber Tool for Health First Colorado offers a collection of capabilities that healthcare providers can access through their EHR system.
- The Prescriber Tool offers Prescription Benefit Modules, also referred to as Affordability Modules, which include real-time information on prescription drugs, affordable alternatives, and prior authorization requests for Health First Colorado members.
- Providers may already be using a similar tool; the Prescriber Tool now allows prescribers to see inquiries specific to Health First Colorado members.
- The patient must have active coverage and be eligible for Health First Colorado for the prescriber to access the Real-Time Benefits Inquiry (RTBI) information.
- The RTBI module of the Prescriber Tool displays preferred medication options from the Preferred Drug List including co-pay amounts for members with up to three lower-cost alternative medications.
- The co-pay amount for Health First Colorado members is \$0.
- The module is not a clinical decision-making tool.

Module configuration and function

- The workflow steps of a Real-Time Benefits Inquiry depend on the configuration of the practice's EHR system.
- The provider must fill out the full prescription, including selecting a pharmacy to get the RTBI results.
- When a provider searches for a medication, the first screen to populate is usually the formulary information which does not include co-pays and typically displays more than three alternatives.
- The RTBI page typically shows fewer medications than the formulary and should show the \$0 co-pay for the member.

- The alternative listed first is usually the most cost-effective medication of the three alternatives provided.

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