

## Empower Prospective DUR

Prospective DUR: Prospective review involves evaluating planned drug therapy before a medication is dispensed. This allows the pharmacist to identify and resolve problems before the patient has received the medication. Pharmacists routinely perform prospective reviews in their daily practice by assessing a prescription medications dosage and directions while reviewing patient information for possible drug interactions or duplicate therapy. When part of an online claims adjudication process, prospective DUR often relies on computerized algorithms to perform key checks including drug interactions, duplications or contraindications with the patient's disease state or condition.

Issues Commonly Addressed by Prospective DUR:

- Clinical abuse/misuse
- Drug-disease contraindications (when a prescribed drug should not be used with certain diseases)
- Drug dosage modification
- Drug-drug interactions (when two or more different drugs interact and alter their intended effects, often causing adverse events)
- Drug-patient precautions (due to age, allergies, gender, pregnancy, etc.)
- Formulary substitutions (e.g., therapeutic interchange, generic substitution)
- Inappropriate duration of drug treatment

### **Prospective DUR responses:**

Professional Service Code Overrides:

M0 - Prescriber Consulted

PM - Patient Monitoring

P0 - Patient Consulted

R0 - Pharmacist Consulted Other

Result of Service Codes:

1B Filled Prescription As Is

1C Filled, Different Dose

1D Filled, Different Directions

1F Filled, Different Quantity

1G Filled, Prescriber Approval

2A Prescription Not Filled

4B Dispensed, Palliative Care

4C Dispensed, Hospice

4D Dispensed, Cancer Treatment

