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ITEM 12. PRESCRIBED DRUGS, DENTURES, AND PROSTHETIC DEVICES; EYEGLASSES  
PRESCRIBED BY A PHYSICIAN SKILLED IN DISEASES OF THE EYE OR BY AN  
OPTOMETRIST

A. Prescribed Drugs

1. Drugs listed by the FDA as less than effective are not covered by Medicaid, nor are the generic equivalents of the listed drugs covered.
2. Physicians and Pharmacists are required to conform to Act 127 (18 VSA Chapter 91), otherwise known as the Vermont Generic Drug Law. In those cases where the Generic Drug Law permits substitution, only the lowest priced equivalent in stock at the pharmacy shall be considered medically necessary. Medicaid will not pay if the recipient refuses the substitution required by law.
3. A pharmacist must fill prescriptions in quantities of between 30 and 90 days' supply for all drugs prescribed for continued regular use. The physician may prescribe for particular patients or conditions in lesser amounts and in these instances the pharmacist is required to fill as directed. Effective July 15, 2009, when the DVHA is the primary payer, pharmacies will be required to dispense designated classes of maintenance drugs in 90-day supplies after the first fill. The first fill allows prescribers to test for therapeutic effectiveness and patient tolerance.  
At the discretion of the physician, a pharmacist may dispense prescribed medications necessary for either extended travel or contraception that are intended to last up to a 12-month duration. For extended travel, any fill over 90 days is subject to approval by the DVHA's Medical Director.
4. Coverage for certain other drugs is limited to specific conditions, e.g. amphetamines for the treatment of narcolepsy cataplexy syndrome only.
5. Generic over-the-counter (OTC) drugs are covered when medically necessary; without the option of prior authorization for brand products; prescribed by a qualified Medicaid provider; and a federal rebate agreement with the manufacturer is in force. Some OTC medications already managed on the Preferred Drug list (PDL) may have additional restrictions. The PDL can be found at <http://dvha.vermont.gov/forproviders/preferred-drug-list-clinical-criteria>.
6. Contraceptive drugs are covered and claimed at the increased Federal match under Family Planning.
7. No coverage is provided for items such as:
  - topical antiseptics
  - rubbing alcohol
8. ~~Reserved~~ Prior authorization is required for High-Investment Carve-Out Drugs when delivered in an inpatient setting. The High-Investment Carve-Out Drug List is available on the DVHA website.

State: VERMONT

AMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE OF MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES  
PROVIDED TO THE CATEGORICALLY NEEDY

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