Updated timeframe for new Biotech Drug requests

The Reinsurance manual contains language that specifies a deadline for requests from contractors for new Biotech drugs to be added to the Reinsurance payments for the following year. The language in the Reinsurance Manual will be updated to reflect a deadline of April 15th for new Biotech Drug requests. The new deadline is reflective of changes in approval timeframes implemented by CMS for rates and contracts. Any requests received after that timeframe will be considered for reinsurance the following year. This change is effective December 1, 2016 and is reflected on the Reinsurance Manual dated December 1st, 2016. It is the only change for this revision.

Following is the revised language:

A Contractor may request that a biotech drug (Biological Modifier) or a drug classified as an orphan drug be reviewed by AHCCCS for reinsurance. The Contractor must send a request in writing to MM. The request must identify the drug and all related information provided by the FDA as to the orphan status or support of the drug as a rarely used medication. The request must include the estimated cost and peer-reviewed published literature that supports the use of the medication. Requests must be submitted no later than May 31st/April 15th of each year. Any requests received June 1st or after will be considered for the following reinsurance year.
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