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in Louisiana

<u>Notification:</u>	<u>HUM 7597</u>
<u>Category:</u>	<u>HCPCS - Drugs & Biologicals</u>
<u>Topic:</u>	<u>Darbepoetin alfa (non-ESRD) – HCPCS code J0881</u>
<u>What is changing? / Change Description:</u>	<p><u>We apply the following limitations to HCPCS code J0881 if billed with a diagnosis of anemia in chronic kidney disease, not on dialysis:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>• The patient must be 18 and older</u><u>• No more than 57 units for the adult initial non-epoetin alfa conversion dose</u><u>• HCPCS code J0881 has not been billed in the previous month</u><u>• No epoetin alfa or any epoetin alfa biosimilar has been billed in the previous 2 weeks</u>
<u>Why is Humana making this change? / Change Reason:</u>	<u>The above limitations are established according to the FDA-approved package insert, prescribing information and pharmaceutical compendia. Additionally, these limitations align with the clinical guidelines for anemia in chronic kidney disease provided by the International Society of Nephrology.</u>
<u>Language:</u>	<u>English</u>
<u>Impacted Products:</u>	<u>Medicaid- Louisiana</u>