

## HOT TOPIC

Revisions are noted in red font below.

# PRESCRIPTIVE PRESCRIBER AUTHORITY ENHANCEMENTS BEING IMPLEMENTED

~~JUNE 12, 2018~~ SEPT. 11, 2018

## ATTN: MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PRESCRIBING PHYSICIANS AND CREDENTIALING PERSONNEL

The extension to Sept. 11, 2018 is provided so that all health plans can notify their prescribers.

Effective ~~June 12, 2018~~ Sept. 11, 2018, Express Scripts®, the company that processes Highmark drug claims, will implement state prescriptive authority logic within their pharmacy claim processing system. This implementation is phase one of the three-phased initiative that will ensure all applicable Highmark regions, as well as all states, are in compliance with Federal law and applying specific prescriptive state authority.

### WHAT THIS MEANS TO YOU

Beginning Sept. 11, 2018, if the prescriber does not meet the criteria determined by state law regarding assignment of correct taxonomy code(s) to their National Provider Identifier (NPI), Express Scripts will leverage the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs state-level prescriptive authority rejection reason code, 876. This implementation may also mean that your patient's prescription will not be filled at the pharmacy if your NPI is not within compliant taxonomy code requirements.

To ensure you are prepared for this implementation, review and, if necessary, update taxonomy codes assigned to your NPI prior to Sept. 11, 2018. Highmark also suggests you review this information annually and make updates as frequently as required.

Express Scripts [Prescriber Taxonomy FAQ](#) is included for your convenience. This comprehensive FAQ summarizes the compliance logic of this implementation and includes instructions regarding how to update taxonomy codes assigned to prescribers' NPI(s), if required. This FAQ is also available on the Provider Resource Center under **Pharmacy Program/Formularies**. Once you choose **Pharmacy Program/Formularies**, select **Pharmacy Information**.