Lidoderm®... A Sticky Subject

**Why do Denver Health Medicare Select/Choice plans have a prior authorization (PA) restriction for Lidoderm® (lidocaine) patches?**

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires all Medicare Part D plans in the country to place a PA restriction on this medication.

**What diagnoses will CMS accept for a PA to be approved?**

- Post-herpetic neuralgia
- Diabetic neuropathy
- Cancer pain

**Why only these three indications?**

- CMS has determined that this medication is overused for many indications that are off-label and/or not evidence-based.
- CMS specifies these three indications as most appropriate for the use of this medication.

**What if my PA request is denied but I still want this medication covered for my patient?**

- An appeal is required to be submitted to the plan for any additional consideration. However, in this situation only requests that are for a CMS approved indication will be considered to overturn the denial. For all other diagnoses, the appeal will be upheld.

**Is CMS looking at other medications that are being used off-label and/or not evidence-based?**

- CMS has recently focused on the appropriate use of a select list of medications. Some examples of these medications include lidocaine patches, all transmucosal immediate release fentanyl formulations, growth hormone products, and any products containing tadalafil or sildenafil.