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Attention: Medicaid Fee- for- Service Providers Dispense Brand Name Drug when Less Expensive than Generic Program

Effective March 21, 2013, the following changes will be made to the Dispense Brand Name Drug when Less Expensive than Generic Program:

- Bactroban Cream, Duetact, Felbatol, Gris-PEG, Maxalt MLT, Tegretol suspension, Tegretol XR, Tobradex and Tricor will be added to the Program.
- Actoplus Met will be removed from the Program and its generic will be preferred.

In conformance with State Education Law which intends that patients receive the lower cost alternative, brand name drugs included in this program:

- Do not require 'Dispense as Written' (DAW) or 'Brand Medically Necessary' on the prescription.
- Have a generic copayment.
- Are paid at the Brand Name Drug reimbursement rate or usual and customary price, whichever is lower (SMAC/FUL are not applied).
- Do not require a new prescription if the drug is removed from this program.

IMPORTANT BILLING INFORMATION

Prescription claims submitted to the Medicaid program **do not require** the submission of Dispense As Written/Product Selection Code of '1'; and **Pharmacies can submit any valid NCPDP field (408-D8) value.**

List of Brand Name Drugs included in this program* (Updated 3/01/13):

Adderall XR	Duetact	Symbyax
Astelin	Epivir	Tegretol suspension
Bactroban cream	Felbatol	Tegretol XR
Carbatrol	Gris-PEG	Tobradex
Catapres - TTS	Kadian	Tricor
Combivir	Lovenox	Valtrex
Concerta	Maxalt MLT	Ziagen tablet
Diastat	Nasacort AQ	
Diovan HCT	Sanctura XR	

^{*}List is subject to change

Please keep in mind that drugs in this program may be subject to prior authorization requirements of other pharmacy programs, promoting the use of the most cost-effective product.