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

Attention:

Effective May 2, 2014, Astelin will be removed from the Dispense Brand Name Drug when Less Expensive than Generic Program, since the product has been discontinued.

Effective May 15, 2014, Prandin and Valtrex will be removed from the Dispense Brand Name Drug when Less Expensive than Generic Program.

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'; **Pharmacies can submit any valid NCPDP field (408-D8) value.**

List of Brand Name Drugs included in this program* (Updated 5/1/14):

Accolate	Evista	Sanctura XR
Adderall XR	Felbatol	Solaraze
Alphagan P 0.15%	Focalin XR(15mg,30mg,45mg)	Soriatane
Bactroban cream	Gabitril 2mg, 4mg	Symbyax
Carbatrol	Hepsera	Tegretol suspension
Catapres-TTS	Kadian	Tegretol XR
Combivir	Lidoderm	TOBI
Cymbalta	Lovenox	Tobradex
Depakote sprinkle	Marinol	Toprol XL
Dovonex Cream	Mepron	Tricor
Diastat	Myfortic	Trileptal suspension
Diovan HCT	Niaspan	Trilipix
Duetact	Prevpac	Trizivir
Epivir	Prograf	Vancocin
Epivir HBV	Pulmicort Respules	Ziagen tablet

^{*}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.