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

Effective October 3, 2013, the following changes will be made to the Dispense Brand Name Drug when Less Expensive than Generic Program:

- Prandin, Prograf (all strengths), Soriatane, Temodar and Toprol XL will be added to the Program.
- Gris-PEG will be removed from the 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'; and Pharmacies can submit any valid NCPDP field (408-D8) value.

List of Brand Name Drugs included in this program* (Updated 9/9/13):

Accolate	Felbatol	Symbyax
Adderall & Adderall XR	Gabitril 2mg, 4mg	Tegretol suspension
Alphagan P 0.15%	Kadian	Tegretol XR
Astelin	Lovenox	Temodar
Bactroban cream	Marinol	Tobradex
Carbatrol	Maxalt MLT	Toprol XL
Combivir	Nasacort AQ	Tricor
Depakote sprinkle	Prandin	Trileptal suspension
Dovonex cream	Prograf (all strengths)	Vancocin
Diastat	Pulmicort Respules	Valtrex
Diovan HCT	Sanctura XR	Ziagen tablet
Duetact	Singulair granules	Zovirax ointment
Epivir	Soriatane	

^{*}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.