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

Effective **6/18/2020**, the following changes will be made to the Dispense Brand Name Drug when Less Expensive than the Generic Program:

 Advair Diskus, Aptensio XR, Firazyr, Humalog Jr KwikPen, Humalog Mix KwikPen and Kitabis Pak will be ADDED to the program.

Concerta will not be added to the BLTG program on 6/18 as originally indicated.

• Aggrenox has been 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

Pursuant to this program prescription claims submitted to the Medicaid program **do not require** the submission of Dispense as Written/Product Selection Code of '1'; **Pharmacies should submit DAW code 9** (Substitution Allowed by Prescriber but Plan Requests Brand). Pharmacies will receive a NCPDP reject response of "22" which means missing/invalid DAW code if other DAW codes are submitted. The only exception to this, is DAW code 1 and "*Brand Medically Necessary*" on the prescription.

List of Brand Name Drugs included in this program\* (6/02/2020)

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Advair Diskus	Focalin XR	Protopic
Alphagan P 0.15%	Fosrenol chew tablet	Rapamune solution
Androgel pump & packets	Humalog 100u/ml vial & pen	Renagel
Apriso	Humalog Jr. KwikPen	Retin-A cream
Aptensio XR	Humalog Mix KwikPen	Sensipar
Butrans	Kitabis Pak	Suboxone film
Catapres-TTS	Letairis	Symbicort
Cellcept suspension	Lexiva Tablet	Tegretol suspension
Copaxone 20mg	Mitigare	Tracleer tablet
Diclegis	Norvir tablet	Transderm-Scop
Elidel	Novolog	Xeloda
Exelon Patch	Nuvaring	Zovirax cream
Firazyr	ProAir HFA	

<sup>\*</sup>List is subject to change

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