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

**Effective October 16, 2015**, the following changes will be made to the Dispense Brand Name Drug when Less Expensive than Generic Program:

- Copaxone 20mg/ml SQ will be added to the program.
- Intuniv, Rapamune and Zyvox will be <u>removed</u> 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'; **Pharmacies can submit any valid NCPDP field (408-D8) value.** 

List of Brand Name Drugs included in this program\* (Updated 10/5/2015):

Adderall XR	Epivir HBV tablet	Soriatane
Aggrenox	Focalin XR 5mg, 10mg,	Tegretol suspension
	15mg,20mg,30mg,40mg	
Aldara	Gabitril 2mg, 4mg	Tegretol XR
Alphagan P 0.15%	Hepsera	Tobradex suspension
Astepro	Kadian	TOBI
Bactroban Cream	Lidoderm	Tricor
Baraclude	Mepron	Trileptal suspension
Catapres-TTS	Metrogel	Trilipix
Cellcept suspension	Myfortic	Trizivir
Combivir	Niaspan	Valcyte
Copaxone 20ml SQ	Patanase	Wellbutrin
Depakote sprinkle	Protopic	Xeloda
Diastat	Pulmicort Respules	

<sup>\*</sup>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.