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

Catapres TTS has been removed (due to market availability) from the Program.

Effective August 14, 2013, the following changes will be made to the Dispense Brand Name Drug when Less Expensive than Generic Program:

 Depakote sprinkle, Dovonex cream, Marinol and Prograf 1mg capsule will be added to 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 7/31/13):

Accolate	Epivir	Singulair granules
Adderall & Adderall XR	Felbatol	Symbyax
Alphagan P 0.15%	Gabitril 2mg, 4mg	Tegretol suspension
Astelin	Gris-PEG	Tegretol XR
Bactroban cream	Kadian	Tobradex
Carbatrol	Lovenox	Tricor
Combivir	Marinol	Trileptal suspension
Depakote sprinkle	Maxalt MLT	Vancocin
Dovonex cream	Nasacort AQ	Valtrex
Diastat	Prograf 1 mg capsule	Ziagen tablet
Diovan HCT	Pulmicort Respules	Zovirax ointment
Duetact	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.