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

Effective May 1, 2014, the following changes will be made to the Dispense Brand Name Drug when Less Expensive than Generic Program:

Cymbalta, Evista and Mepron 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'; **Pharmacies can submit any valid NCPDP field (408-D8) value.**

List of Brand Name Drugs included in this program* (Updated 4/17/14):

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