



Date: November 29, 2005

Dear Doctor or Pharmacist:

**SUBJ: Accolate, Singulair, and Xopenex Update**

The Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services has outlined updates that may affect Medicaid members with prescriptions for Accolate, Singulair, or Xopenex. The effective date is October 27, 2005.

**Xopenex: Non-Preferred, albuterol step-therapy required**

- Claims will deny with the message “Prior Authorization required.”
- Xopenex is non-preferred on the Preferred Drug List (PDL).
- Trial of albuterol required.

**Singulair: Preferred, albuterol step-therapy required**

- Singulair will continue to pay for members with a history of paid claims for Singulair.
- Trial of albuterol required.

**Accolate: Preferred, albuterol step-therapy required**

- Accolate will continue to pay for members with a history of paid claims for Accolate.
- Trial of albuterol required.

To view the *complete* Kentucky Medicaid PDL with prior authorization and step therapy details, visit the Kentucky Health Choices pharmacy website at <http://kentucky.fhsc.com/pharmacy>.

For questions regarding prior authorizations or step therapy call 1-800-477-3071. The clinical call center is open 7 days per week, 24 hours per day. The prior authorization fax line is 1-800-365-8835.

Sincerely,

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