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Dear Kentucky Medicaid Pharmacist:

**SUBJ: Pregnancy Indicator Returns, Thyroid Medications Added to Exclusion List, and Plavix Generics**

- The Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services will be reinstating the pharmacy provider's ability to submit a pregnancy indicator to override co-payments when pregnancy is confirmed. Pregnant women should not have cost sharing for medications. To override a co-payment, pharmacists should enter one of the following two pregnancy indicators in NCPDP field 335-2C:
  - 1 = not pregnant
  - 2 = pregnantPregnant women should be charged \$0 co-pay for no more than 11 months (including 60 days postpartum).
- Thyroid medications will now be excluded from the 4 prescription drug limit. They will *not* count toward the member's 4 prescription drug limit and will *not* require the "07" override code by the pharmacist. Thyroid medications have been added to the drug class exclusion list that was presented in Provider Notice #034 dated 8/17/06. These medications/classes *will* continue to count toward the 3 brand allowance.
- Kentucky Medicaid will *temporarily* place all generic forms of Plavix (while generics are available) in Tier 3, non-preferred. Brand name Plavix will remain in Tier 2, preferred. Because the brand is preferred, it will *not* be subject to MAC pricing.

Sincerely,

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