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Dear Kentucky Medicaid Provider:

Please be advised that the Department for Medicaid Services is making changes to the Kentucky Medicaid Pharmacy Program. Prior authorization forms are located at <http://kentucky.fhsc.com/pharmacy>. Please fax all requests to First Health Services at the following numbers:

- Non-Urgent: (800) 365-8835
- Urgent: (800) 421-9064
- Mental Health Providers: (800) 453-2273
- Long Term Care: (800) 453-2273

On **February 4, 2009**, Kentucky Medicaid began preferring generic budesonide respules. **Pulmicort Respules®** is now a **non-preferred product**. Current age edit(s) and quantity limit(s) will be maintained. The following products are currently preferred:

- Asmanex
- Azmacort
- Flovent Diskus
- Flovent HFA
- budesonide respules
- Qvar

**UPDATE:** On **February 27, 2009**, Kentucky Medicaid began preferring brand **Pulmicort Respules®** due to availability issues of generic budesonide ampul-neb.

On **February 4, 2009**, Kentucky Medicaid placed **Eliphos** as a **non-preferred product** on the Preferred Drug List (PDL) until reviewed by the Kentucky Medicaid Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (PTAC) (March 2009). The following products are currently preferred:

- PhosLo
- Fosrenol
- Renagel

On **February 16, 2009**, Kentucky Medicaid placed **PrandiMet** as a **non-preferred product** on the Preferred Drug List (PDL) until reviewed by the Kentucky Medicaid Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (PTAC) (March 2009).

AE - Age Edit; CC - Clinical Criteria; MD - Medications with Maximum Duration; QL - Quantity Limit; ST - Step Therapy

On **February 23, 2009**, Kentucky Medicaid began non-preferring generic **divalproex sodium ER**. Brand **Depakote ER®** will remain as a **preferred product** on the Preferred Drug List (PDL).

On **February 25, 2009**, Kentucky Medicaid placed **Apriso** as a **non-preferred product** on the Preferred Drug List (PDL) until reviewed by the Kentucky Medicaid Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (PTAC) (March 2009).

Sincerely,

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