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Dear Kentucky Medicaid Provider:

Please be advised that the Department for Medicaid Services is making changes to the Kentucky Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL) based on recommendations from the Kentucky Medicaid Pharmacy & Therapeutics Advisory Committee at its March 19, 2009 meeting.

On October 14, 2009, the following changes will be effective:

- New Drug Classes that will be added to the PDL:
 - Topical Agents for Psoriasis
 - The following agent(s) will be **preferred** product(s):
 - calcipotriene scalp solution
 - Dovonex[®] cream
 - Psoriatec[®]
 - The following agent(s) will be **non preferred** product(s) and require PA:
 - Taclonex[®]
 - Tazorac[®]
 - Progestins for Cachexia
 - The following agent(s) will be **preferred** product(s):
 - megestrol acetate
 - Megace[®]
 - Megace[®] ES
 - Direct Renin Inhibitors
 - The following agent(s) will be **preferred** product(s):
 - Tekturna[®] ST
 - Tekturna HCT[®] ST
 - Tekturna[®] or Tekturna HCT[®] will automatically pay at point-of-sale if any ACE or ARB is located in history within the past 180 days.

On **August 13, 2009**, Kentucky Medicaid began to require prior authorization for **Acuvail[™]** pending review for permanent PDL placement by the Kentucky Medicaid Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. The following product(s) are currently preferred:

- flurbiprofen
- diclofenac
- Acular[®]
- Acular LS[®]
- Acular PF[®]

On **August 13, 2009**, Kentucky Medicaid began denying pharmacy claims for **Caldolor®**. Caldolor® will be approved for hospital utilization only. If you have any questions regarding billing, please call (800) 807-1232.

On **August 24, 2009**, Kentucky Medicaid placed **Iopidine®** as a **non-preferred** product on the Preferred Drug List (PDL) with a Tier 3 copay. The following product(s) are currently preferred:

- apraclonidine
- brimonidine tartrate
- Alphagan P®

On **August 24, 2009**, Kentucky Medicaid began to require prior authorization for **Invega® Sustenna™** pending review for permanent PDL placement by the Kentucky Medicaid Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. The following product(s) are currently preferred:

- clozapine (CC)
- risperidone (CC)
- risperidone ODT (CC)
- Abilify® (CC)
- Abilify Dismelt® (CC)
- Clozaril® (CC)
- FazaClo ODT® (CC)
- Geodon® (CC)
- Invega® (CC)
- Risperdal Consta® (CC)(QL)
- Seroquel® (CC)
- Seroquel XR® (CC)
- Zyprexa® (CC)
- Zyprexa Zydis® (CC)

On **August 24, 2009**, Kentucky Medicaid placed **branded Prograf®** as a **preferred** product on the Preferred Drug List (PDL) with a Tier 1 copay. **Tacrolimus** will be **non-preferred** on the PDL with a tier 3 co-pay. The following product(s) are currently preferred:

- Prograf®
- Gengraf®
- mycophenolate mofetil
- cyclosporine
- azathioprine

On **August 24, 2009**, Kentucky Medicaid placed **Zantac® PPI** as a **non-preferred** product on the Preferred Drug List (PDL) with a Tier 3 copay. The following product(s) are currently preferred:

- Nexium® (QL)
- Prevacid® (QL)
- Prevacid SoluTab® (AE)(QL)
- Prilosec OTC® (QL)

On **August 31, 2009**, Kentucky Medicaid began to require prior authorization for **Fibricor™** pending review for permanent PDL placement by the Kentucky Medicaid Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. The following product(s) are currently preferred:

- gemfibrozil

- TriCor®

On **August 31, 2009**, Kentucky Medicaid began to require prior authorization for **Tyvaso™** pending review for permanent PDL placement by the Kentucky Medicaid Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. The following product(s) are currently preferred:

- Revatio™ (CC)
- Letairis®
- Tracleer®

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

Thank you for helping Kentucky Medicaid maintain access to prescription coverage by selecting drugs on the preferred drug list whenever possible.

Sincerely,

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