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**Pharmacy Provider Notice #134 – May 19, 2011 PTAC PDL Changes**

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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 May 19, 2011 meeting and as adopted by the Secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services by order dated June 23, 2011.

**On August 24, 2011, the following changes will be effective:**

- Existing Drug Classes
  - Agents for Pulmonary Hypertension
    - Adcirca<sup>TM</sup> <sup>CC</sup>, Letairis<sup>TM</sup>, Revatio<sup>TM</sup> <sup>CC</sup>, Tracleer<sup>®</sup> and Ventavis<sup>®</sup> will remain **preferred**.
    - Tyvaso<sup>TM</sup> will remain **non-preferred** and require PA.
    - Sildenafil and tadalafil will be approved for a diagnosis of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension only. Non oral dosage forms will only be approved for patients who cannot tolerate/absorb medications by mouth.
    - Flolan<sup>®</sup> (IV epoprostenol) will be approved for a diagnosis of World Health Organization (WHO) functional class (FC) III or IV Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (PAH).
  - Platelet Inhibitors
    - Aggrenox<sup>®</sup>, cilostazol, dipyridamole, Effient<sup>TM</sup>, Plavix<sup>®</sup> and ticlopidine will remain **preferred**.
    - Persantine<sup>®</sup> will remain **non-preferred** and require PA.
    - Pletal<sup>®</sup> will become **non-preferred** and require PA.
  - Bile Acid Sequestrants
    - Cholestyramine, cholestyramine light and Prevalite<sup>®</sup> will remain **preferred**.
    - WelChol<sup>®</sup> will become **preferred**.
    - Colestid<sup>®</sup>, colestipol, Questran<sup>®</sup> and Questran Light<sup>®</sup> will remain **non-preferred** and require PA.
  - Cholesterol Absorption Inhibitors
    - Zetia<sup>®</sup> will remain **preferred**.
  - Fibric Acid Derivatives Inhibitors
    - Gemfibrozil, Tricor<sup>®</sup> and Trilipix<sup>TM</sup> will remain **preferred**.
    - Antara<sup>TM</sup>, fenofibrate, Fibracor<sup>TM</sup>, Lipofen<sup>TM</sup>, Lofibra<sup>®</sup> and Triglide<sup>TM</sup> will remain **non-preferred** and require PA.

- Ometa-3 Fatty Acids
  - Lovaza<sup>®CC</sup> will remain **preferred**.
  - Lovaza<sup>®</sup> will be approved after trial and failure of either of the following:
    - fibric acid derivative; OR
    - statin
- Statins
  - Lescol<sup>®</sup>, Lescol XL<sup>®</sup>, lovastatin and pravastatin will remain **preferred**.
  - Advicor<sup>™</sup>, Altoprev<sup>®</sup>, Mevacor<sup>®</sup> and Pravachol<sup>®</sup> will remain **non-preferred** and require PA.
- Statin + CCB Combination
  - Caduet<sup>®CC</sup> will remain **preferred**.
  - Caduet<sup>®</sup> will be approved for patients currently taking amlodipine who have had a trial and failure of ALL of the following:
    - simvastatin; AND
    - simvastatin / ezetimibe OR rosuvastatin.
  - Additionally a quantity limit of 1 per day will be applied.

**On August 31, 2011, the following changes will be effective:**

- Clinical Criteria Reviews
  - Makena<sup>®</sup> will be approved for members with a singleton pregnancy who have a history of singleton spontaneous preterm birth if:
    - Patient has experienced an adverse reaction to the compounded formulation of 17P hydroxyprogesterone caproate; OR
    - Trial and failure (through previous miscarriage or pre-term birth) of the compounded formulation of 17P hydroxyprogesterone caproate; OR
    - No access to a pharmacy which can compound 17P hydroxyprogesterone caproate.
  - Vivitrol<sup>®</sup> will be approved for a diagnosis of alcohol dependence or opioid dependence.
  - Leukotriene Receptor Antagonists will be approved if ONE of the following are true:
    - Diagnosis of Asthma; OR
    - Diagnosis of Allergic Rhinitis
      - After trial and failure of a nasal steroid + an oral antihistamine; or
      - Patient is < 2 years of age.
    - Additionally a quantity limit of one per day will be applied to Singulair<sup>®</sup>, and a two per day quantity limit will be applied to Accolate<sup>®</sup> and zafirlukast.
  - Clonidine patches will be approved if any one of the following is true:
    - Patient is <15 years old; OR
    - Patient cannot tolerate/absorb PO.
  - Regranex<sup>®</sup> will be approved for a diagnosis of lower extremity diabetic ulcers.
  - Granulocyte Colony Stimulating Factors (Leukine<sup>®</sup> [sargramostim], Neulasta<sup>®</sup> [pegfilgrastim], or Neupogen<sup>®</sup> [filgrastim]), will be approved for a diagnosis of:
    - Myelosuppressive chemotherapy; OR
    - Induction or consolidation chemotherapy in acute myeloid/myelogenous leukemia; OR
    - Bone marrow transplantation; OR
    - Bone marrow transplant failure or engraftment delay; OR
    - Peripheral blood progenitor cell collection and therapy; OR
    - Severe chronic neutropenia.

**On September 14, 2011, the following changes will be effective:**

- New Drug Classes
  - Pancreatic Enzymes
    - Creon<sup>®</sup> and pancrelipase will become **preferred**.
    - Pancreaze<sup>™</sup> and Zenpep<sup>®</sup> will become **non-preferred** and require PA.
  - Topical Antiparasitics
    - Eurax<sup>®</sup>, Ovide<sup>®</sup> and permethrin 5% cream will become **preferred**.
    - Acticin<sup>®</sup>, Elimite<sup>®</sup>, lindane, malathion and Ulesfia<sup>™</sup> will become **non-preferred** and require PA.
  - Androgenic Agents
    - Androderm<sup>®</sup> and Androgel<sup>®</sup> will become **preferred**.
    - Axiron<sup>®</sup>, Fortesta<sup>®</sup> and Testim<sup>®</sup> will become **non-preferred** and require PA.
  - Oral Steroids
    - Cortisone, dexamethasone, budesonide, hydrocortisone, methylprednisolone, prednisolone, prednisolone sodium phosphate, prednisone and Zema-Pak<sup>®</sup> will become **preferred**.
    - Baycadron<sup>®</sup>, Celestone<sup>®</sup>, Celestone Soluspan<sup>®</sup>, Cortef<sup>®</sup>, DexPak<sup>®</sup>, DexPak JR<sup>®</sup>, Entocort EC<sup>®</sup>, Millipred<sup>®</sup>, Orapred<sup>®</sup>, Orapred ODT<sup>®</sup>, Pediapred<sup>®</sup>, Prelone<sup>®</sup> and Veripred 20<sup>®</sup> will become **non-preferred** and require PA.
    - Orapred<sup>®</sup> liquid will be available for children less than 6 years old and Orapred ODT<sup>®</sup> will be available for children less than 12 years of age without PA.

**On September 21, 2011, the following changes will be effective:**

- New Drugs to Market
  - The following product (s) will become **non-preferred** and require PA:
    - Edarbi<sup>™</sup>
- Existing Drug Classes
  - Urinary Tract Antispasmodics
    - Flavoxate, oxybutynin and VESIcare<sup>®</sup> will remain **preferred**.
    - Enablex<sup>®</sup> will become **non-preferred** and require PA.
    - Detrol<sup>®</sup>, Detrol LA<sup>®</sup>, Ditropan XL<sup>®</sup>, Gelnique<sup>™</sup>, oxybutynin ER, Oxytrol<sup>™</sup>, Sanctura<sup>®</sup>, Sanctura XR<sup>®</sup> and trospium will remain **non-preferred** and require PA.
    - Toviaz<sup>™</sup> will become **preferred**.
  - Progestins for Cachexia
    - Megestrol acetate will remain **preferred**.
    - Megace<sup>®</sup> and Megace ES<sup>®</sup> will become **non-preferred** and require PA.
  - Angiotensin Receptor Blockers
    - Diovan<sup>®ST</sup> and losartan will remain **preferred**.
    - Atacand<sup>®</sup>, Avapro<sup>®</sup>, Benicar<sup>®</sup>, Cozaar<sup>®</sup>, Micardis<sup>®</sup> and Teveten<sup>®</sup> will remain **non-preferred** and require PA.
    - Edarbi<sup>™</sup> will become **non-preferred** and require PA.
    - Diovan<sup>®ST</sup> will be approved after trial and failure of losartan.
  - Angiotensin Receptor Blockers + Diuretics
    - Diovan HCT<sup>®</sup> and losartan/HCTZ will remain **preferred**.
    - Atacand HCT<sup>®</sup>, Avalide<sup>®</sup>, Benicar HCT<sup>®</sup>, Hyzaar<sup>®</sup>, Micardis HCT<sup>®</sup> and Teveten HCT<sup>®</sup> will remain **non-preferred** and require PA.

- Diovan HCT<sup>®ST</sup> will be approved after trial and failure of losartan or losartan/HCTZ.
- Angiotensin Receptor Blockers + CCB (DHP)
  - Exforge<sup>®</sup> and Exforge HCT<sup>®</sup> will remain **preferred**.
  - Azor<sup>™</sup>, Tribenzor<sup>®</sup> and Twynsta<sup>®</sup> will remain **non-preferred** and require PA.
- Angiotensin Modulators + CCB Combinations
  - Lotrel<sup>®</sup> will remain **preferred**.
  - Amlodipine/benazepril, Tarka<sup>®</sup> and verapamil SR/trandolapril will remain **non-preferred** and require PA.
- Direct Renin Inhibitors
  - Amturnide<sup>™</sup>, Tekturna<sup>®</sup>, Tekturna HCT<sup>®</sup>, Tekamlo<sup>®</sup> and Valturna<sup>®</sup> will remain **preferred**.
  - Direct Renin Inhibitors will be approved after trial and failure of an ACE Inhibitor or an ARB.
- Alpha/Beta Blockers
  - Carvedilol and labetalol will remain **preferred**.
  - Coreg<sup>®</sup>, Coreg CR<sup>®</sup> and Trandate<sup>®</sup> will remain **non-preferred** and require PA.
- Beta Blockers
  - Acebutolol, atenolol, betaxolol, bisoprolol, metoprolol succinate ER, metoprolol tartrate, nadolol, pindolol, propranolol, propranolol LA, sotalol and timolol will remain **preferred**.
  - Betapace<sup>®</sup>, Betapace<sup>®</sup> AF, Bystolic<sup>®</sup>, Corgard<sup>®</sup>, Inderal LA<sup>®</sup>, Innopran XL<sup>®</sup>, Kerlone<sup>®</sup>, Levatol<sup>®</sup>, Lopressor<sup>®</sup>, Sectral<sup>®</sup>, Sorine<sup>®</sup>, Tenormin<sup>®</sup>, Toprol XL<sup>®</sup> and Zebeta<sup>®</sup> will remain **non-preferred** and require PA.
- Beta Blocker + Diuretics
  - Atenolol/chlorthalidone, bisoprolol/HCTZ, metoprolol/HCTZ, nadolol/bendroflumethiazide and propranolol/HCTZ will remain **preferred**.
  - Corzide<sup>®</sup>, Lopressor<sup>®</sup> HCT, Tenoretic<sup>®</sup> and Ziac<sup>®</sup> will remain **non-preferred** and require PA.
- Calcium Channel Blockers (non-DHP)
  - Diltiazem, diltiazem ER, verapamil and verapamil ER will remain **preferred**.
  - Calan<sup>®</sup>, Calan<sup>®</sup> SR, Cardizem<sup>®</sup>, Cardizem<sup>®</sup> CD, Cardizem<sup>®</sup> LA, Cartia XT<sup>®</sup>, Covera-HS<sup>®</sup>, Dilacor XR<sup>®</sup>, Dilt CD<sup>®</sup>, Dilt XR<sup>®</sup>, Diltia XR<sup>®</sup>, Taztia XT<sup>®</sup>, Tiazac<sup>®</sup>, verapamil ER PM, Verelan<sup>®</sup> and Verelan<sup>®</sup> PM will remain **non-preferred** and require PA.
- Vasodilator + Nitrate Combinations
  - BiDil<sup>®</sup> will remain **preferred**.

Please note that for future prior authorization requests, Magellan Medicaid Administration is now offering real time service! Please contact the Clinical Support Center at (800) 477-3071 to speak with a live agent. The only drugs that are now required to be submitted via fax are Brand Medically Necessary, Suboxone<sup>®</sup>/Subutex<sup>®</sup>, Synagis<sup>®</sup>, and Zyvox<sup>®</sup>.

Prior authorization forms are located at <http://kentucky.fhsc.com>. Please fax all requests to Magellan Medicaid Administration 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 members to maintain access to prescription coverage by selecting drugs on the preferred drug list whenever possible.

\* Please note the dates that are associated with the above changes are subject to change.

Sincerely,

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