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SUBJECT Preferred Drug List (PDL) Update July 20, 2015 Corrections – Pharmacy Services		BY <i>Leesa M. Allen</i> Leesa M. Allen, Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform providers about corrections to the updates on changes to the Preferred Drug List (PDL), effective July 20, 2015.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all licensed pharmacies and prescribers enrolled in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program and providing services in the fee-for-service (FFS) delivery system, including pharmacy services to residents of long term care facilities.

BACKGROUND:

On June 25, 2015, the Department of Human Services (Department) issued MA Bulletin Number 01-15-23, et al., Preferred Drug List (PDL) Update July 20, 2015 – Pharmacy Services, informing providers about changes to the Preferred Drug List (PDL), effective July 20, 2015. Subsequent to that publication, the Department identified some errors in the list of changes in the Contraceptives, Oral; Contraceptives, Other; and Prenatal Vitamins classes of drugs.

DISCUSSION:

The following is the corrected list of changes to the Contraceptives, Oral; Contraceptives, Other; and Prenatal Vitamins classes of drugs.

*01-15-26	09-15-26	27-15-23	
02-15-23	11-15-23	30-15-23	
03-15-23	14-15-23	31-15-26	
08-15-26	24-15-24	32-15-23	33-15-25

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<http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/provider/healthcaremedicalassistance/index.htm>

Therapeutic Drug Class	Brand Name	Generic Name	Preferred	Non-Preferred
Contraceptives, Oral	Brevicon			X
	Estrostep FE			X
	Loestrin			X
	Nor-Q-D			X
		Cryselle		X
		Delyla	X	
		desogestrel/ethinyl estradiol	X	
		Elinest	X	
		Gildess 24 FE		X
		Gildess FE	X	
		Larin FE		X
		levonorgestrel/ethinyl estradiol monophasic	X	
		Microgestin	X	
		Microgestin FE	X	
		Mircette		X
		Necon Monophasic	X	
		Nikki		X
		norethindrone	X	
		norethindrone/ethinyl estradiol	X	
		norethindrone/ethinyl estradiol FE	X	
		norethindrone/ethinyl estradiol FE monophasic		X
		Norlyroc	X	
		Reclipsen	X	
		Sharobel		X
	Tarina FE	X		
	Tri-Sprintec	X		
	Velivet	X		
Contraceptives, Other		Xulane	X	
Prenatal Vitamins	O-Cal FA			X
	Vol-Plus			X
		Calcium-PNV 28-1-250 mg	X	
		Complete Natal DHA	X	
		Completenate	X	
		Elite-OB	X	
		Folivane-OB	X	
		PNV 29-1	X	
		PNV-VP-U	X	
	Taron-C DHA	X		

Therapeutic Drug Class	Brand Name	Generic Name	Preferred	Non-Preferred
Prenatal Vitamins, continued		Triveen-Duo DHA	X	
		Ultimatecare One	X	
		Vena-Bal DHA	X	
		Virt-C DHA	X	
		Virt Nate	X	
		Virt-Select	X	
		Virt-Vite GT	X	
		Virtprex	X	
		Zatean-PN	X	
		Zatean-PN DHA	X	
		Zatean-PN Plus	X	

PROCEDURE:

The procedures for prescribers to request prior authorization of non-preferred drugs, preferred drugs that require prior authorization, and drugs not subject to the PDL that require prior authorization and for pharmacies to dispense an emergency supply of medication when necessary and without prior authorization are located in SECTION I of the Prior Authorization of Pharmaceutical Services Handbook. The Department will take into account the elements specified in the clinical review guidelines (which are included in the provider handbook pages in the SECTION II chapters related to specific therapeutic classes of drugs) in reviewing the prior authorization request to determine medical necessity.

The requirements for prior authorization and clinical review guidelines to determine medical necessity of non-preferred and preferred drugs listed above and updated handbook chapters will be published in separate MA Bulletins.

As set forth in 55 Pa. Code § 1101.67(a), the procedures described in the handbook pages must be followed to ensure appropriate and timely processing of prior authorization requests for drugs that require prior authorization.

ATTACHMENTS:

Prior Authorization of Pharmaceutical Services Handbook - Updated pages

SECTION I

- Providers can view the most recent PDL at:
www.providersynergies.com/services/documents/PAM_PDL.pdf
- Providers can view the most recent Quantity Limits List at:
<http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/provider/doingbusinesswithdhs/pharmacyservices/quantitylimitslist/index.htm>
- NOTE: Providers may call 1-800-537-8862, Option 1 to request a hard copy of the most recent PDL and Quantity Limits List