



MEDICAL ASSISTANCE BULLETIN
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA * DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

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EFFECTIVE DATE:
December 1, 2003

SUBJECT: The Addition of Lexiva (fosamprenavir) to the Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program

BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David S. Feinberg".

David S. Feinberg
Deputy Secretary for Medical Assistance Programs

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify providers that effective December 1, 2003, the Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP) is adding Lexiva (fosamprenavir), a new protease inhibitor, to the SPBP's HIV/AIDS Baseline formulary.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all Medical Assistance (M A) providers who prescribe and/or dispense drugs for eligible SPBP participants with SPBP Identification Cards beginning with SP1.

BACKGROUND:

SPBP formulary expansion is ongoing, pending approval from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of new drugs used to treat HIV/AIDS and/or schizophrenia. With the recent FDA approval of Lexiva, the Department of Public Welfare is announcing the addition of this drug to the SPBP. Claims for SPBP covered drugs are processed on-line through the First Health Services Corporation. Providers must bill other third party insurance, if applicable, prior to submitting claims to the SPBP. All questions regarding reimbursement and on-line technical assistance should be directed to the First Health Services Provider Inquiry Line at: 1-800-835-4080.

Should a client convert to M A drug coverage, providers are advised to submit claims to the M A Program delivery system, either Fee-for-Service or Managed Care. If a client is covered under M A, SPBP coverage is invalid.

The SPBP's current HIV/AIDS Baseline formulary, HIV/AIDS Tiers Expansion formulary, and SPBP Mental Health formulary for atypical antipsychotic drugs for schizophrenia may be viewed at the Department's website at www.dpw.state.pa.us/omap.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

SPBP staff at 1-800-922-9384 (IN STATE) or 1-717-772-6228 (OUT OF STATE AND LOCAL) or for additional information about the SPBP.

Visit the Office of Medical Assistance Programs website at www.dpw.state.pa.us/omap.