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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE BULLETIN

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SUBJECT	BY
Preferred Drug List (PDL) Update August 2011 – Pharmacy Services	Izanne Leonard-Haak, Acting Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform providers about updates to the Preferred Drug List (PDL) effective August 8, 2011.

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:

The Department of Public Welfare's (Department) Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee meets semi-annually to review published peer-reviewed clinical literature and make recommendations relating to new drugs in therapeutic classes already included in the PDL, changes in the status of drugs on the PDL from preferred to non-preferred and non-preferred to preferred, new quantity limits, and new classes of drugs to be added to or deleted from the PDL. The P&T Committee also recommends new guidelines or modifications to existing guidelines to evaluate requests for prior authorization of prescriptions for medical necessity.

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DISCUSSION:

The P&T Committee made the following recommendations during the most recent semi-annual meeting on May 5, 2011 which were reviewed and approved by the Department.

1. **Classes of drugs subject to the PDL with no changes:**
   - Angiotensin Modulator Combinations
   - Antibiotics, GI
   - Antibiotics, Inhaled
   - Antibiotics, Vaginal
   - Antifungals, Oral
   - Antiparasitics, Topical
   - Antivirals, Oral
   - Antivirals, Topical
   - BPH Agents
   - Diabetic Meters
   - Diabetic Test Strips
   - Erythropoiesis Stimulating Proteins
   - Hepatitis C Agents
   - Hypoglycemics, Meglitinides
   - Lipotropics, Other
   - Macrolides/Ketolides
   - Pancreatic Enzymes
   - Skeletal Muscle Relaxants
   - Tetracyclines, Oral

2. **Classes of drugs added to the PDL:**
   - Colony Stimulating Factors
   - Contraceptives, Oral
   - HIV/AIDS
   - Opiate Dependence Treatments
   - Prenatal Vitamins

3. **Classes of drugs or drugs removed from the PDL**
   - None

4. **PDL status of new drug classes, new drugs, drugs not previously reviewed, and drugs with a change in status**

Therapeutic Drug Class	Brand Name	Generic Name	Preferred	Non-Preferred
Acne Agents, Topical	Akne-Mycin		X	
	Clinac BPO			X
	Clindagel		X	
Analgesics, Narcotics Long	Butrans (Transderm)			X

Therapeutic Drug Class	Brand Name	Generic Name	Preferred	Non-Preferred
	Duragesic Patch			X
Analgesics, Narcotics Short	Abstral			X
	Rybix ODT			X
	Zovit			X
		Butorphanol Tartrate (Nasal)		X
		Dihydrocodeine/APAP/ Caffeine		X
		Pentazocine/ APAP		X
		Trezix		X
Androgenic Agents	Fortesta			X
Angiotensin Modulators	Avapro/Avalide			X
	Micardis/Micardis HCT			X
		Losartan/HCTZ	X	
Antibiotics, Topical	Bactroban Cream			X
		Bacitracin (Topical)	X	
		Bacitracin/ Polymyxin (Topical)	X	
		Gentamicin Sulfate (Topical)	X	
Anticoagulants	Pradaxa		X	
		Warfarin	X	
Antiemetic/Antivertigo Agents	Aloxi (Intravenous)			X
	Anzemet (Intravenous)			X
	Emend (Intravenous)			X
	Metozolv ODT			X
	Sancuso (Transdermal)			X
	Scopace		X	
	Transderm-Scop (Transermal)		X	
		Dimenhydrinate	X	
		Dimenhydrinate (Injection)	X	
		Granisetron (Intravenous)	X	
		Meclizine	X	
		Metoclopramide	X	
		Metoclopramide (Injection)	X	
		Motion Sickness OTC	X	
		Ondansetron (Intravenous)	X	
		Prochlorperazine	X	
		Prochlorperazine (Injection)	X	
		Prochlorperazine (Rectal)	X	
		Promethazine	X	
		Promethazine (Injection)	X	
		Promethazine (Rectal)	X	
		Trimethobenzamide	X	
		Trimethobenzamide (Intramuscular)	X	
Antifungals, Topical	Lamisil Solution			X
		Econazole Cream		X
		Ketoconazole Cream		X
Antimigraine Agents	Axert			X
Beta-Blockers	Innopran XL			X
	Levatol			X
		Betaxolol		X

Therapeutic Drug Class	Brand Name	Generic Name	Preferred	Non-Preferred
Bladder Relaxant Preparations	Enablex			X
Bone Resorption Inhibitors	Boniva (Intravenous)			X
	Miacalcin (Injection)			X
	Reclast (Intravenous)			X
	Xgeva (Sub-Q)			X
	Zometa (Intravenous)		X	
		Pamidronate Disodium (Intravenous)	X	
Calcium Channel Blockers		Isradipine		X
Cephalosporins and Related Antibiotics		Cefdinir Capsules		X
Colony Stimulating Factors	Leukine			X
	Neulasta		X	
	Neupogen		X	
Contraceptives, Oral	Beyaz			X
	Brevicon 28			X
	Cesia			X
	Cyclessa			X
	Desogen			X
	Estrostep FE-28		X	
	Femcon FE			X
	Jolessa			X
	Jolivette			X
	Leena			X
	Levlen 28		X	
	Lo Loestrin FE			X
	Loestrin		X	
	Loestrin 24 FE			X
	Loestrin FE		X	
	Lo-Ovral-28		X	
	Loseasonique			X
	Lybrel			X
	Micronor		X	
	Mircette		X	
	Modicon			X
	Mononessa			X
	Natazia			X
	Necon			X
	Nora-Be			X
	Nordette-28		X	
	Norinyl 1+35			X
	Norinyl 1+50			X
	Nor-Q-D			X
	Ocella			X
	Ogestrel			X
	Ortho Cyclen		X	
	Ortho Tri-Cyclen		X	
	Ortho Tri-Cyclen Lo			X
	Ortho-Cept			X
	Ortho-Novum			X

Therapeutic Drug Class	Brand Name	Generic Name	Preferred	Non-Preferred
	Ovcon-50		X	
Contraceptives, Oral (continued)	Safyral			X
	Seasonale		X	
	Seasonique			X
	Solia			X
	Tri-Norinyl			X
	Trivora-28			X
	Yasmin 28		X	
	Yaz		X	
		Apri	X	
		Aranelle		X
		Aviane	X	
		Azurette		X
		Balziva		X
		Camila		X
		Caziant	X	
		Cryselle		X
		Cyclafem		X
		Enpresse-28		X
		Errin		X
		Gianvi		X
		Gildess FE		X
		Heather		X
		Introvale		X
		Junel	X	
		Junel FE	X	
		Kariva		X
		Kelnor 1-35		X
		Lessina	X	
		Levora-28		X
		Low-Ogestrel		X
		Lutera	X	
		Microgestin		X
		Microgestin FE	X	
		Norethindrone	X	
		Norgestrel-Ethinyl Estra	X	
		Nortrel		X
		Ovcon-35	X	
		Portia		X
		Previfem	X	
		Quasense		X
		Reclipsen		X
		Sprintec	X	
		Sronyx		X
		Tilia FE		X
		Tri-Legest FE		X
		Trinessa	X	
		Tri-Previfem	X	
		Tri-Sprintec	X	
		Velivet		X

Therapeutic Drug Class	Brand Name	Generic Name	Preferred	Non-Preferred
		Zarah		X
Contraceptives, Oral (continued)		Zenchent		X
		Zovia 1-35E		X
		Zovia 1-50E		X
Fluoroquinolones, Oral	Avelox			X
	Levaquin		X	
Growth Hormones	Genotropin Pens			X
	Norditropin Pens			X
	Nutropin Vials			X
	Saizen Pens		X	
	Saizen Vials		X	
HIV/AIDS	Aptivus			X
	Atripla		X	
	Combivir		X	
	Crixivan		X	
	Emtriva		X	
	Epivir		X	
	Epzicom		X	
	Fuzeon (Injection)			X
	Intelence			X
	Invirase		X	
	Isentress		X	
	Kaletra		X	
	Lexiva		X	
	Norvir		X	
	Prezista		X	
	Rescriptor			X
	Retrovir			X
	Reyataz		X	
	Selzentry		X	
	Sustiva		X	
	Trizivir			X
	Truvada		X	
	Videx		X	
	Videx EC		X	
	Viracept			X
	Viramune		X	
	Viramune XR		X	
	Viread		X	
	Zerit			X
	Ziagen		X	
		Didanosine	X	
		Stavudine	X	
		Zidovudine	X	
Hypoglycemics, Incretin Mimetics/ Enhancers	Kombiglyze XR		X	
	Victoza (Sub-Q)			X
Hypoglycemics, Insulin	Humalog Mix Pens			X
	Humalog Pens			X
	Humulin Pens			X
	Novolin		X	

Therapeutic Drug Class	Brand Name	Generic Name	Preferred	Non-Preferred
	Novolog		X	
Hypoglycemics, Insulin (continued)	Novolog Mix 70/30		X	
	Novolog Mix 70/30 Pens		X	
	Novolog Pens		X	
Hypoglycemics, TZDs	Actoplus Met XR			X
	Duetact			X
Immunosuppressives, Oral	Cellcept			X
Lipotropics, Statins	Vytorin			X
Multiple Sclerosis Agents	Ampyra		X	
	Gilenya		X	
Opiate Dependence Treatments	Suboxone Film		X	
	Suboxone Tablets		X	
	Subutex			X
	Vivitrol		X	
		Buprenorphine HCL	X	
PAH Agents, Oral and Inhaled	Adcirca		X	
	Revatio			X
	Tyvaso			X
Phosphate Binders	Fosrenol			X
Platelet Aggregation Inhibitors	Effient		X	
Prenatal Vitamins	Citranatal 90 DHA			X
	Citranatal Assure			X
	Citranatal B-Calm			X
	Citranatal DHA			X
	Citranatal Harmony			X
	Citranatal RX			X
	Complete Natal DHA		X	
	Completenate			X
	Complete-RF Prenatal		X	
	Concept DHA			X
	Concept OB			X
	Corenate-DHA			X
	Duet DHA			X
	Duet DHA Balanced			X
	Duet DHA Complete			X
	Duet DHA EC			X
	Duet DHA with Ferrazone			X
	Duet Stuartnatal		X	
	ED Cyte F		X	
	Elite OB DHA			X
	Elite-OB			X
	Femecal OB			X
	Folcal DHA			X
	Folcaps Care One			X
	Folcaps Omega-3			X
	Gesticare			X
	Gesticare DHA			X
	Icar-C Plus SR			X
	Inatal GT		X	
	Infanate DHA			X

Therapeutic Drug Class	Brand Name	Generic Name	Preferred	Non-Preferred
	Lactocal-F		X	
Prenatal Vitamins (continued)	Marnatal-F		X	
	Maxinate			X
	Mission Prenatal FA OTC		X	
	Mission Prenatal HP OTC		X	
	Mission Prenatal OCT		X	
	Multi-Nate 30 DHA			X
	Multi-Nate DHA Extra			X
	M-Vit		X	
	Natachew		X	
	Natafort			X
	Natalvit		X	
	Natelle One			X
	Natelle-EZ			X
	Navatab + DHA			X
	Nexa Select			X
	OB 90 + DHA			X
	OB Complete			X
	OB Complete 400			X
	OB Complete Chewable			X
	OB Complete DHA			X
	OB Complete One			X
	OB Complete premier			X
	O-Cal FA		X	
	O-Cal Prenatal		X	
	Paire OB Plus DHA			X
	PNV-DHA Plus			X
	PNV-Iron			X
	PNV-Omega			X
	Poly Iron PN		X	
	Poly Iron PN Forte		X	
	PR Natal 400			X
	PR Natal 400 EC			X
	Prefera OB			X
	Prefera-OB One			X
	Prefera-OB Plus DHA			X
	Prenafirst		X	
	Prenatabs FA		X	
	Prenatal-U		X	
	Prenate DHA			X
	Prenate Elite			X
	Prenate Essential			X
	Prenavite OTC		X	
	Prenexa Premier			X
	Preque 10			X
	Renate DHA			X
	Rovin-NV			X
	Rovin-NV DHA			X
	Select-OB + DHA		X	
	Tandem OB			X

Therapeutic Drug Class	Brand Name	Generic Name	Preferred	Non-Preferred
	Taron EC Calcium			X
Prenatal Vitamins (continued)	Taron-BC		X	
	Taron-Duo EC		X	
	Taron-Prex Prenatal			X
	Tricare DHA			X
	Trinatal RX 1		X	
	Trinate		X	
	Triveen-Duo DHA		X	
	Triveen-One			X
	Triveen-Ten			X
	Triveen-U		X	
	Trust Natal DHA		X	
	Ultimatecare Advantage			X
	Ultimatecare Combo			X
	Vinate AZ		X	
	Vinate AZ Extra			X
	Vinate Calcium		X	
	Vinate GT		X	
	Vinate II		X	
	Vitafol-OB			X
	Vitafol-OB+DHA		X	
	Vitafol-PN			X
	Viva DHA			X
		Advanced Care Plus		X
		Cavan One Omega		X
		Cavan-Alpha Kit		X
		Cavan-EC Sod DHA		X
		Cavan-Heme Omega		X
		Combi RX		X
		Co-Natal FA	X	
		Daily Prenatal Combo	X	
		Docosavit		X
		Dualvit OB		X
		Edge OB		X
		Elite-OB 400		X
		FE C	X	
		Folbecal		X
		Folinatal Plus B		X
		Folivane-EC Calcium DHA NF		X
		Folivane-OB		X
		Folivane-PRX DHA NF		X
		Foltabls		X
		Foltabs Prenatal Plus DHA		X
		Icar-C Plus		X
		Inatal Advance	X	
		Inatal Ultra	X	
		Maternity	X	
		Multinatal Plus		X
		Neevo		X
		Neevo DHA		X

Therapeutic Drug Class	Brand Name	Generic Name	Preferred	Non-Preferred
		Nutrispire	X	
Prenatal Vitamins (continued)		OB + DHA		X
		OB-Natal One		X
		PNV-DHA		X
		PNV-DHA + Docusate		X
		PNV-Select		X
		PNV-Total		X
		PR Natal 430		X
		PR Natal 430 EC		X
		PR Natal 440 EC		X
		Prenaplus	X	
		Prenatabs RX	X	
		Prenatal	X	
		Prenatal 19	X	
		Prenatal AD	X	
		Prenatal Low Iron	X	
		Prenatal MR 90 FE	X	
		Prenatal Multivitamin w/ Iron		X
		Prenatal Plus	X	
		Prenatal Plus	X	
		Prenatal S OTC	X	
		Prenatal Vitamins OCT	X	
		Prenate Plus	X	
		Prenexa		X
		Previte RX		X
		Pruet DHA		X
		Pruet DHA EC		X
		RE-Nata 29	X	
		RE-Nata 29 OB	X	
		SE-Care		X
		SE-Care Conceive		X
		SE-Care Gesture		X
		Select-OB		X
		SE-Natal 19	X	
		SE-Natal 90	X	
		SE-Natal One	X	
		SE-Plete DHA		X
		SE-Tan DHA		X
		Setonet		X
		Setonet-EC		X
		Taron-C DHA		X
		Taron-EC Cal		X
		Tri RX		X
		Triadvance	X	
		Tricare	X	
		Trimesis RX		X
		Triveen-PRX RNF		X
		Ultimatecare One		X
		Ultimatecare One NF		X
		Vemavite-PRX 2		X

Therapeutic Drug Class	Brand Name	Generic Name	Preferred	Non-Preferred
		Venatal-FA	X	
Prenatal Vitamins (continued)		Vinacal		X
		Vinate C		X
		Vinate Care		X
		Vinate IC		X
		Vinate One	X	
		Vinate PN Care		X
		Vinate Ultra	X	
		Vinate-M	X	
		Vitanatal OB + DHA	X	
		Vitaphil	X	
		Vitaphil + DHA		X
		Vitaspire	X	
		Vol-Nate	X	
		Vol-Plus	X	
		Vol-Tab Rx	X	
		Zatean-CH		X
		Zatean-PN		X
		Zatean-PN DHA		X
		Zatean-PN Plus		X
Proton Pump Inhibitors	Prilosec Suspension		X	
		Omeprazole OTC		X
		Omeprazole		X
		Pantoprazole	X	
Ulcerative Colitis Agents	Asacol HD			X
	Canasa (Rectal)			X
	Sfrowasa			X

5. New Preferred Drugs that require clinical prior authorization:

- Adcirca
- Ampyra
- Buprenorphine Tablet
- Effient
- Gilenya
- Kombiglyze XR
- Pantoprazole
- Pradaxa
- Prilosec Suspension
- Promethazine
- Saizen
- Suboxone Film
- Suboxone Tablet

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.dpw.state.pa.us/provider/doingbusinesswithdpw/pharmacyservices/quantitylimitslist/index.htm

NOTE: Providers may call 1-800-558-4477, Option 1 to request a hard copy of the most recent PDL or Quantity Limits List

SECTION II

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