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TO: All prescribers, pharmacists, and pharmacies participating in the Nebraska Medicaid Program

FROM: Courtney Miller, Deputy Director
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RE: Preferred Drug List (PDL) Changes

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO THE LIPOTROPICS-OTHER CLASS; GENERIC FENOFIBRATE AND FENOFIBRIC ACID WILL BECOME PREFERRED JULY 17, 2014.

In May of 2014, the NE Medicaid Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee reviewed forty therapeutic classes of drugs on the Preferred Drug List (PDL), including five new classes. The statuses for all drugs in the new classes are listed below, followed by changes to existing classes. The lists which follow do not represent the complete PDL.

For the complete listing of the Preferred Drug List with upcoming changes, please access the Pharmacy Magellan Medicaid Administration website @ https://nebraska.fhsc.com. Under the Preferred Drug List tab, select ***PDL Document, effective 07/17/2014***. Changes to the reviewed therapeutic classes are listed in *italics* on the posted PDL to be implemented **July 17, 2014**.

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NEW PDL CLASSES TO BE IMPLEMENTED JULY 17, 2014		
DRUG CLASS	***PREFERRED***	***NON-PREFERRED***
H. PYLORI TREATMENTS	*HELIDAC (bismuth, metronidazole, tetracycline)* *PYLERA (bismuth, metronidazole, tetracycline)* *PREVPAC (lansoprazole, amoxicillin, clarithromycin)*	*OMECLAMOX-PAK (omeprazole, clarithromycin, amoxicillin)* *lansoprazole/amoxicillin/clarithromycin (generic for Prevpac)*
ALPHA-GLUCOSIDASE INHIBITORS	*acarbose (generic for Precose)* *Glyset (miglitol)*	
HYPOGLYCEMICS, METFORMINS	*glipizide/metformin* *glyburide/metformin (generic for Glucovance)* *metformin (generic for Glucophage)* *metformin ER (generic for Glucophage XR)*	*metformin ER (generic for Fortamet)* *GLUMETZA (metformin extended release)* *RIOMET (metformin oral solution)*

HYPOGLYCEMICS, SGLT2		*FARXIGA (dapagliflozin)* *INVOKANA (canagliflozin)*
IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME	*AMITIZA (lubiprostone)* *LINZESS (linaclotide)*	*LOTRONEX (alosetron)*

***CHANGES* in existing classes are listed below:**		
THERAPEUTIC DRUG CLASS	**PREFERRED DRUGS**	**NON-PREFERRED DRUGS**
ACNE AGENTS, TOPICAL	DIFFERIN **LOTION, CREAM** (adapalene)	DIFFERIN **GEL** (adapalene)
		benzoyl peroxide **GEL** RETIN-A MICRO (tretinoin microspheres)
ANALGESICS, OPIATE LONG-ACTING		ZOHYDRO ER (hydrocodone bitartrate ER)
ANALGESICS, OPIATE SHORT-ACTING		oxycodone **CAPSULE** oxycodone/aspirin
ANGIOTENSIN MODULATORS		EPANED (enalapril) oral solution
ANTIBIOTICS, INHALED	BETHKIS (tobramycin) TOBI (tobramycin) TOBI-PODHALER (tobramycin)	
ANTIBIOTICS, TOPICAL		gentamicin OINTMENT, CREAM
ANTIBIOTICS, VAGINAL		CLINDESSE (clindamycin vaginal) metronidazole (vaginal) VANDAZOLE (metronidazole)
ANTICOAGULANTS	ELIQUIS (apixaban) PRADAXA (dabigatran)	
	enoxaparin (generic for Lovenox)	**LOVENOX** (enoxaparin)
ANTIEMETICS /ANTIVERTIGO AGENTS	DICLEGIS (doxylamine/pyridoxine)** **females only	ZUPLENZ (ondansetron)
ANTIFUNGALS, ORAL		ketoconazole (generic for Nizoral) ORAVIG (miconazole buccal)
ANTIFUNGALS, TOPICAL	NUZOLE (miconazole)	LUZU (luliconazole)
ANTIMIGRAINE DRUGS, TRIPTANS	IMITREX (sumatriptan) **PEN, CARTRIDGE** sumatriptan generic **VIAL**	IMITREX (sumatriptan) **VIAL** sumatriptan **SYRINGE, KIT**
ANTIPARASITICS, TOPICAL	ULESFIA (benzyl alcohol)	EURAX (crotamiton) **CREAM**
BLADDER RELAXANT PREPARATIONS	oxybutynin ER (generic for Ditropan XL)	
BONE RESORPTION SUPPRESSION AND RELATED DRUGS	EVISTA (raloxifene)	raloxifene (generic for Evista)
CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS (Oral)		verapamil 360mg capsule

DRUG CLASS	PREFERRED	NON-PREFERRED
CEPHALOSPORINS (Oral) and RELATED ANTIBIOTICS	cephalexin **CAPSULE, SUSPENSION** (generic for Keflex)	cephalexin **TABLET**
	SUPRAX **SUSPENSION, CAPSULE** (cefixime)	SUPRAX **CHEWABLE TABLET, TABLET** (cefixime)
COLONY STIMULATING FACTORS	NEUPOGEN (filgrastim) **VIAL**	NEUPOGEN (filgrastim) **PREFILLED SYRINGE**
ERYTHROPOIESIS STIMULATING PROTEINS	EPOGEN (rHuEPO)	
HEPATITIS C TREATMENTS		INCIVEK (telaprevir) OLYSIO (simeprevir) SOVALDI (sofosbuvir) VICTRELIS (boceprevir)
HYPOGLYCEMICS, Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 Receptor Agonist (GLP-1 RA) (subcutaneous)	BYDUREON (exenatide ER)** BYETTA (exenatide)** ****** Requires metformin trial and diagnosis of diabetes.	
HYPOGLYCEMICS, INSULIN AND RELATED DRUGS	LEVEMIR (insulin detemir)	
LIPOTROPICS, OTHER	fenofibrate (generic for Tricor) fenofibric acid (generic for Trilipix)	Tricor (fenofibrate) Trilipix (fenofibric acid) JUXTAPID (lomitapide) KYNAMRO (mipomersen) VASCEPA (icosapent)
LIPOTROPICS, STATINS	CRESTOR (rosuvastatin)* *for intolerance or resistance to atorvastatin 40mg	SIMCOR (niacin/simvastatin) LIPTRUZET (ezetimibe/atorvastatin
MACROLIDES	PCE (erythromycin)	ERYTHROCIN EES 400 **TABLET** erythromycin base **TABLET** erythromycin base DR **CAPSULE**
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS DRUGS	AUBAGIO (teriflunomide) EXTAVIA (interferon beta-1b)	BETASERON (interferon beta-1b) TECFIDERA (dimethyl fumarate)
	COPAXONE **20 mg** Syringe (glatiramer)	COPAXONE **40mg** Syringe (glatiramer)
PHOSPHATE BINDERS	ELIPHOS (calcium acetate) PHOSLYRA (calcium acetate)	VELPHORO (sucroferric oxyhydroxide)
PULMONARY ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION AGENTS (Oral and inhaled)		ADEMPAS (riociguat) OPSUMIT (macitentan)
PROTON PUMP INHIBITORS		esomeprazole strontium
ULCERATIVE COLITIS		DELZICOL DR (mesalamine)