Office of Vermont Health Access
Pharmacy Benefits Management Program

Changes to the Preferred Drug List and Drugs Requiring Prior Authorization
September 22, 2004

Therapeutic Category	Move to Preferred (includes changes effective both 9/1/04 & 10/1/2004)	Move to Non-Preferred (effective 12/1/2004, will require PA, more information to follow)
Alzheimer's Disease Medications*		
Cholinesterase Inhibitors	Exelon®, Aricept®, Reminyl®	
Analgesic Medications		
Cox II inhibitors	Vioxx®, Celebrex®	Bextra®
Long Acting Narcotics	Kadian®, Oramorph SR®	
NSAIDs	All generic products	AnaproxDS®, Naprosyn®
	(All generic indomethacin dosage forms)	(All branded products)
Anti-anxiety Medications		
Sedative hypnotics		Ambien®, Restoril®
Anti-infective Medications		
Cephalosporins	Cedax® Susp., Omnicef® Susp.	Cefaclor® Susp. (no PA for child < age 10)
Macrolides	Erythromycin Estolate, EryTab®	E.E.S. 400®, ERYPED®
Quinolones****	Avelox ABC PAK®, Floxin®	Noroxin®, Tequin®, Cipro XR®,
		Levaquin®(to be reviewed by DUR Board in October)
Anti-fungals (onychomycosis)		Sporanox®
Anti-virals (herpes)*	Acyclovir, Famvir®,	Zovirax®
		Valtrex®(to be reviewed by DUR Board in October)
Influenza*	Amantadine, Rimantadine	Flumadine®, Relenza®,Tamiflu®
Anti-depressant Medications*		
	Budeprion SR, Buproprion SR	Wellbutrin SR®
	Mirtazapine RDT, Nefazadone	
Anti-diabetic Medications		
Injectable: Insulins*	Novolin R®	Humulin R®
	Novolin L®	Humulin L®
	Novolin N®	Humulin N®
	Novolin 70/30®	Humulin 70/30®
	Novolog®	Humalog®
	Novolog 70/30®	Humalog Mix 75/25®
	Relion R,N & 70/30®	Humulin U®
Oral : Alpha-gluconidase Inhibitors	Glyset®, Precose®	
Oral: Biguanide Combinations*	Glyburide/metformin	Avandamet®, Glucovance®, Metaglip®
Oral: Meglitinides		Prandin®
Anti-emetic Medications****		
	Kytril® dosage forms	Anzemet®, Zofran® dosage forms
Anti-hyperkinesis Medications		
	Adderall XR®, Dextrostat®, Focalin®, Methylphenidate HCl	Concerta® (grandfathered: no PA for current patients for life)
Anti-hypertensive Medications		
ACE Inhibitors	Benazepril, Fosinopril, Moexipril	Univasc®
ACE Inhibitors w/Diuretic	Moexipril/HCTZ, Benazepril/HCTZ	Uniretic®
ACE inhibitor w/CCB	Lotrel®	

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Angiotensin Receptor Blockers**		Benicar®, Micardis®, Tevetan® (all products grandfathered: no PA for current patients for six months)
Angiotensin Receptor Blockers w/Diuretic**		Benicar HCT®, Micardis HCT®, Tevetan HCT® (all products grandfathered: no PA for current patients for six months)
Beta Blockers	All strengths generic Metoprolol	Toprol XL®
Calcium Channel Blockers	Afeditab CR, Nifediac CC, Nifedipine SA, Plendil®	Cardene®, Cardene SR®, Verelan PM®
Anti-migraine Medications **/** **		
	Maxalt®, Maxalt MLT® Zomig® dosage forms	Amerge®, Axert®, Frova®, Imitrex® dosage forms, Relpax® (all products grandfathered: no PA for current patients for life)
CNS Stimulants Medications		
Anti-hyperkinesis	Adderall XR®, Dextrostat®, Focalin®, Methylphenidate HCl	Concerta®** (grandfathered: no PA for current patients for life)
E. D. Medications* **		
	Levitra®, Viagra®	Cialis®, Edex®
Gastrointestinals		
Proton Pump Inhibitors	Nexium®, Prevacid®, Prilosec OTC®	Protonix®
Glaucoma Medications		
Alpha-2 Adrenergics	Brimonidine tartarate	
Beta Blockers **		Occupress®, Optipranolol®, Betimol® (all products grandfathered: no PA for current patients for life)
Hepatitis C Medications		
	Pegasys ® Conv. Pack	
Immunomodulators*		
	Elidel®, Protopic®	
Lipotropic Medications		
High Potency Statins	Crestor®	
Cholesterol Absorption Inhibitors*	Zetia®	
Pulmonary Medications		
Antihistamines-Low sedating		Allegra®
COPD Anticholinergics*	Atrovent® w/adap, refill Duoneb®, Spiriva®	
Inhaled Corticosteroids	Azmacort®, QVAR 40mcg, 80mcg	Flovent® Rotadisk, Pulmicort® Turbuhaler, Vanceril®
Nasal Steroids	Nasalide®	Beconase®, Beconase AQ®, Flonase®, Nasacort AQ®, Nasacort®
Urinary Anti-spasmotic Medications*		
	Oxybutinin, Oxytrol®, Detrol®, Detrol LA®	Ditropan®, Ditropan XL®

*	New managed classes	***	Entire category requires clinical PA and has quantity limits
**	Grandfathered	****	Quantity limits apply to preferred drugs

No changes were made to the following Drug Classes/Unique Drugs			
Anorexiants	Anti-anxiety meds	Anti-diabetic biguanides	Bone Ossification Enhancers
Coronary Vasodilators	GI-H2 blockers	Glucocorticoids-topical	Growth Hormones
Platelet Inhibitors	Plaque Psoriasis Injectables	Retinoids	Rheumatoid Arthritis Injectables
Actiq®, Buprenorphine (Subutex®/Suboxone®), Nutritionals, Stadol®, Synagis® and Xolair®			