

IMPORTANT UPDATE – 3-12-07

PHYSICIAN and PHARMACY Providers

**Preferred Drug List changes for the State of Georgia Fee-For- Service MEDICAID
and PeachCare for Kids programs**

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Phase I PDL Changes - Revised

As communicated to you in the past, the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) is revising its current PDL for maximum clinical and cost effectiveness due to the continued growth in drug expenditures. Listed below are the preferred products in the therapeutic categories impacted by this revision of the preferred drug list. *All current quantity level limitations apply.*

Therapeutic Category	Preferred	Non-Preferred
Beta Adrenergic Nebulizer Agents	Albuterol, Metaproterenol, Accuneb, Xopenex if patient is ≤8 years of age	Xopenex if patient is >8 years of age, Branded products with generics available
COPD Agents	Ipratroprium, Atrovent HFA, Combivent, Spiriva	Duoneb, Branded products with generics available
Dihydropyridine Calcium Channel Blockers	Nifedipine/ER/SA, Nicardipine, Dynacirc, Dynacirc CR, Sular, Afeditab CR, Norvasc, Nifedical XL, Felodipine ER, Nifediac CC	Branded products with generics available
Nasal Steroids	Flunisolide, Flonase, Nasonex, Nasacort AQ,	Beconase AQ, Rhinocort AQ, Nasarel, Fluticasone, Branded products with generics available*
		* Exception: Branded Flonase is preferred and generic fluticasone is nonpreferred.
Proton Pump Inhibitors	Nexium, Prevacid Capsules and Suspension	Omeprazole, Zegerid, Aciphex, Protonix, Prevacid SoluTab, Prevacid NapraPAC, Branded products with generics available

Lipotropics: Low Potency	Lovastatin, Lescol, Lescol XL, Advicor, Pravastatin	Altacor/Altoprev, Branded products with generics available
Therapeutic Category	Preferred	Non-Preferred
Lipotropics: High Potency	Simvastatin, Crestor*	Vytorin*, Lipitor, Zocor
	*For patients not at goal on Simvastatin	*current users will be grandfathered
Lipotropics: Cholesterol Absorption Inhibitor	---	Zetia*
		*current users will be grandfathered
Lipotropic/Calcium Channel Blocker Combination	---	Caduet
Fibric Acid Derivatives	Gemfibrozil, Antara, Tricor	Fenofibrate, Lopid, Lofibra, Triglide

Please note that the State Health Benefit Plan and the Board of Regents plan no longer utilize the same preferred drug list as Georgia Medicaid, therefore, the above changes do not impact these plans.

We appreciate your continued participation in the Georgia Medicaid program. If you have any questions, please contact SXC Health Solutions Customer Service at 1-866-525-5827.