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ADVISORY

In an effort to give timely notice to the pharmacy community concerning important pharmacy topics, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's (DHMH) **Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program (MMPP)** has developed the **Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program Advisory**. To expedite information timely to the pharmacy and prescriber communities, an email network has been established which incorporates the email lists of the Maryland Pharmacists Association, EPIC, CARE, Long Term Care Consultants, headquarters of all chain drugstores and prescriber associations and organizations. It is our hope that the information is disseminated to all interested parties. If you have not received this email through any of the previously noted parties or via DHMH, please contact the MMPP representative at 410-767-1455.

Important Changes Related to Prior Authorization Requests for Fee-for-Service Members

Effective March 1, 2011, Prior Authorizations (PAs) for Growth Hormones, Nutritional Supplements, and multi-source Brand-Name drugs for Maryland Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) recipients will be handled by our pharmacy claims processor, (ACS telephone # 1-800-932-3918, fax # 1-866-440-9345).

Requests for PAs for these drugs, as well as requests for PAs for all drugs listed below, must be received in writing using the proper forms. **PAs for highlighted categories are reviewed by ACS**; non-highlighted categories continue to be reviewed by the pharmacy team at Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

MedWatch (brand-name drug)*

Specialty Drugs

Botox	High Cost Drugs (exceeding \$2,500 and off-label uses)	PAH drugs
Fentanyl – transmucosal formulations	Kuvan	Revlimid
Growth hormones*	Orfadin	Serostim
		Synagis

Requests for Quantity Overrides

Non-optimal doses of mental health drugs
Anti-migraine (Triptans) drugs

Special billing forms and instructions for

Clotting factors

Nutritional supplements*

IV Compounds

* Review of PA requests for these 3 categories will be changing from DHMH to ACS on March 1, 2011.

Effective March 1, the revised PA forms will be available at <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/ma/mpap/forms.htm> or <http://www.mdrxprograms.com/ooep.html#FRM>. Providers can download these forms or call 1-800-932-3918 and request that a form be faxed to them. The completed form must be faxed to the number indicated on each form. Each form also gives a telephone number to call with questions or follow-up. It is advisable to dispose of any old Maryland Medicaid FFS PA forms that you may have on hand and download the new forms from the web.