

In an effort to give timely notice to the pharmacy and prescriber communities concerning important pharmacy topics, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's (DHMH's) **Medicaid Pharmacy Program** (MPP) has developed the **Medicaid Pharmacy Program Advisory**. An email network has been established for dissemination purposes, which incorporates the email lists of pharmacy and prescriber societies, associations and organizations. It is our hope that the information is disseminated to all interested parties.

- Revised Preferred Drug List (PDL)
- Transition from Pharmacy Assistance to Medicare Part D

Revised Preferred Drug List (PDL)

PDL Update – Attached is a copy of the most recent Preferred Drug List (PDL) with all the changes to be implemented on April 4, 2006. This is the list resulting from the Maryland P&T Committee meeting on February 9, 2006. The changes since the last published PDL are highlighted and endnotes summarize the major changes for each therapeutic class.

Exceptions to Brand Medically Necessary – Supplemental rebates make three multi-source brand name drugs more cost-effective than their generic counterparts. They are Duragesic (fentanyl), Rebetol (ribavirin) and Flonase (fluticasone nasal). Therefore, these drugs will continue to be preferred on the current PDL.

Transition from Pharmacy Assistance to Medicare Part D

During the implementation of Medicare Part D, transitioning recipients from the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program (MPAP) to a Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) has been challenging at times for pharmacists, recipients, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) and the Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs). Some Pharmacy Assistance recipients encountered difficulties with their enrollment in PDPs. Others failed to apply for Low Income Subsidy (LIS) or their LIS status was not correctly identified in the system, which has made them ineligible for low co-payments and reduced deductibles and premiums. DHMH has worked closely with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), PDPs, pharmacists and consumer advocate groups to make sure that our low

income seniors did not go without their medications. When DHMH was unable to reach a resolution with CMS and the PDPs, the Department processed emergency claims in order to help those recipients.

Effective March 31, 2006 the transition period will come to a close. As a result, the Pharmacy Assistance Program has sent a letter to those recipients who are not enrolled in a PDP, or are not listed as having LIS. The letters informed the recipients that the Department will discontinue its transition assistance on March 31, 2006. Further, the Department has attempted to call each recipient to assist them with their LIS application and to select a PDP, if they were not enrolled in one. In the event a former Pharmacy Assistance Program recipient has questions, refer him or her to the phone number on the back of the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program card (1-800-226-2142).

CMS has begun mailing letters to approximately 1.2 million people with Medicare who have applied for and been approved for the extra help and those who are enrolled in other federal assistance programs such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicare Savings Programs. The letters let the beneficiary know in which Medicare prescription drug plan they will be enrolled if they take no action before April 30. Unless they enroll on their own during March, these beneficiaries will have their prescription drug coverage begin on May 1. CMS is enrolling these beneficiaries earlier to make sure that they receive the benefit of the extra help immediately, and without having to pay a penalty. These beneficiaries can still decline the enrollment before it becomes effective, and would not be charged a premium.

Only drugs that are part of the listed therapeutic categories are affected by the PDL. Therapeutic categories not listed here are not part of the PDL and will continue to be covered as they always have for Maryland Medicaid patients.

Note: For most multi-source products, the generic product(s) are usually preferred and branded innovator product(s) are non-preferred. PDL products that are new to market require prior authorization until they are reviewed.

ANALGESIC

Analgesics, Narcotics

Preferred

acetaminophen w/codeine (Tylenol w/Codeine) aspirin w/codeine (Empirin w/Codeine) butalbital/apap/codeine butalbital/apap/codeine/caffeine codeine hydrocodone/apap (Vicodin) hydrocodone/ibuprofen (Vicoprofen) hydromorphone (Dilaudid) morphine sulfate morphine sulfate SR(MS Contin) oxvcodone oxycodone/apap (Percocet) oxycodone/aspirin (Percodan) pentazocine/apap (Talacen) pentazocine/naloxone (Talwin NX) propoxyphene (Darvon) propoxyphene HCI/apap (Wygesic) propoxyphene napsylate/apap (Darvocet) tramadol (Ultram) tramadol/acetaminophen (Ultracet) Duragesic (brand only) Kadian

Requires Prior Authorization

fentanyl patch (**generic only**) meperidine (Demerol) (**brand and generic**) oxycodone ER (OxyContin) (**brand and generic**) Actiq Avinza Combunox Darvon-N Synalgos-DC Panlor DC, Panlor SS

Anti-Migraine Agents, Triptans (Anti- Migraine Preparations)ⁱ

<u>Preferred</u>
Axert
Imitrex (oral, nasal & SQ)
Maxalt, Maxalt MLT

<u>Requires Prior Authorization</u> Amerge Frova Relpax

Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatories/COX II Inhibitor (NSAIDS, Cyclooxygenase Inhibitor – Type)

Preferred 1st Tierdiclofenac potassium (Cataflam) diclofenac sodium, diclofenac sodium XL (Voltaren, Voltaren XR) etodolac, etodolac XL (Lodine, Lodine XL) fenoprofen (Nalfon) flurbiprofen (Ansaid) ibuprofen (Motrin) indomethacin, indomethacin SR (Indocin, Indocin SR) ketoprofen (Orudis, Oruvail) ketorolac (Toradol) meclofenamate (Meclomen) nabumetone (Relafen) naproxen (Naprosyn) naproxen sodium, naproxen sodium DS (Anaprox, Anaprox DS) oxaprozin (Daypro) piroxicam (Feldene) sulindac (Clinoril) tolmetin, tolmetin DS (Tolectin, Tolectin DS) 2nd Tier-Celebrex Prevacid NapraPac

<u>Requires Prior Authorization</u>

Arthrotec Mobic Ponstel

ANTI-INFECTIVES

Antifungals, Oral (Antifungal Agents, Antifungal Antibiotics)

Preferred

clotrimazole troche (Mycelex) fluconazole (Diflucan) griseofulvin (Fulvicin, GriFulvin V) itraconazole (Sporanox) ketoconazole (Nizoral) Nystatin Gris Peg Lamisil Mycostatin Pastilles

Requires Prior Authorization

Ancobon Sporanox Solution Vfend

Antifungals, Topical (Topical Antifungals)

Preferred

ciclopirox lotion (Loprox) clotrimazole (Lotrimin) clotrimazole/betamethasone (Lotrisone) econazole (Spectazole) ketoconazole (Nizoral) nystatin (Mycostatin) nystatin/triamcinolone (Mycolog II) Exelderm Loprox Shampoo Loprox Topical

Ertaczo Mentax Naftin Oxistat Penlac

Requires Prior Authorization

Antivirals (Antivirals, General)

Preferred

acyclovir (Zovirax) amantadine (Symmetrel) ganciclovir (Cytovene) rimantadine (Flumadine) Valcyte Valtrex

Requires Prior Authorization

Famvir Relenza Tamiflu

Cephalosporin and Related Agents (Cephalosporins, Second and Third Generation, Penicillins)

Preferred

amoxicillin/clavulanate (Augmentin, Augmentin ES) cefaclor (Ceclor, Ceclor CD) cefadroxil (Duricef) cefuroxime (Ceftin) cefpodoxime (Vantin) cefprozil (Cefzil) cephalexin (Keflex) Cedax Omnicef Spectracef Suprax

Requires Prior Authorization

Augmentin XR Lorabid Panixine Raniclor

Fluoroquinolones (Quinolones)ⁱⁱ

<u>Preferred</u> ciprofloxacin (Cipro) ofloxacin (Floxin) Avelox

<u>Requires Prior Authorization</u> Cipro XR Levaquin Maxaquin Noroxin Proquin XR Tequin

Macrolides/Ketolides

Preferred

azithromycin (Zithromax) clarithromycin (Biaxin) erythromycin Biaxin XL Zithromax Suspension Zmax

Requires Prior Authorization

Branded erythromycin products Ketek

CARDIOVASCULAR

ACE Inhibitor/Calcium Channel Blocker Combination

<u>Preferred</u> Lotrel Tarka Requires Prior Authorization

Lexxel

ACE Inhibitors (Hypotensives, ACE Inhibitors)

Preferred benazepril, benazepril HCTZ (Lotensin, Lotensin HCT) captopril. captopril HCTZ (Capoten, Capozide) enalapril, enalapril HCTZ (Vasotec, Vaseretic) fosinopril. fosinopril HCTZ (Monopril, Monopril HCT) lisinopril, lisinopril HCTZ (Prinivil, Zestril, Prinzide, Zestoretic) quinapril (Accupril) quinaretic (Accuretic) Altace Mavik Univasc/Uniretic

Requires Prior Authorization

Aceon

<mark>Coreg</mark> Inderal LA Toprol XL

timolol (Blocadren)

Calcium Channel Blocking Agents^v

Preferred diltiazem (Cardizem) diltiazem SR. diltiazem ER (Cardizem SR, Cardizem CD) Dilacor XR, Tiazac) felodipine (Plendil) isradipine (Dynacirc) nicardipine (Cardene) nifedipine SR (Adalat CC, Procardia XL) verapamil (Calan) verapamil ER, verapamil SR (Calan SR. Verelan) Cardizem LA Dynacirc CR Norvasc Sular Verelan PM

Preferred

cholestyramine (Questran, Light)

Lipotropics, Statins (Lipotropics)

fenofibrate (Lofibra) gemfibrozil (Lopid)

niacin (Niacor)

Colestid

Niaspan

Tricor

<u>Requires Prior Authorization</u> nifedipine (Adalat, Procardia) Cardene SR Covera-HS Nimotop

Angiotensin Receptor Blockers (Hypotensives, Angiotensin Receptor Antagonist)ⁱⁱⁱ

<u>Preferred</u> Avapro, Avalide Benicar, Benicar HCT Cozaar, Hyzaar Diovan, Diovan HCT Micardis, Micardis HCT

<u>Requires Prior Authorization</u> Atacand, Atacand HCT Teveten, Teveten HCT

Beta Blockers (Alpha/Beta-Adrenergic Blocking Agents, Beta-Adrenergic Blocking Agents)^{iv}

Preferred acebutolol (Sectral) atenolol (Tenormin) betaxolol (Kerlone) bisoprolol (Zebeta) labetalol (Normodyne, Trandate) metoprolol (Lopressor) nadolol (Corgard) pindolol (Visken) propranolol (Inderal) sotalol, sotalol AF (Betapace, Betapace AF) <u>Requires Prior Authorization</u> Innopran XL

Levatol

Preferred lovastatin (Mevacor) Advicor Altoprev Crestor Lescol, Lescol XL Vytorin Zocor

Requires Prior Authorization

Antara Omacor Triglide Welchol Zetia

Lipotropics, Other (Lipotropics, Bile Salt Sequestrants)^{vi}

Requires Prior Authorization

Caduet Lipitor Pravachol

Platelet Aggregation Inhibitors

<u>Preferred</u> dipyridamole (Persantine) ticlopidine (Ticlid) Aggrenox Plavix **Requires Prior Authorization**

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

Anticonvulsants^{vii}

Preferred carbamazepine (Tegretol) clonazepam (Klonopin) ethosuximide (Zarontin) gabapentin (Neurontin) phenobarbital phenytoin (Dilantin) primidone (Mysoline) valproic acid (Depakene) zonisamide (Zonegran) Carbatrol Celontin Depakote Depakote ER Diastat Equetro **Felbatol** Gabitril **Keppra** Lamictal Mebaral Peganone Topamax **Trileptal**

Requires Prior Authorization Lyrica Phenytek Tegretol XR

Antidepressants, Other (Alpha-2 Receptor Antagonist Antidepressants, Serotonin-2 Antagonist/Reuptake Inhibitors, Serotonin-Norepinephrine Reuptake-Inhib, Norepinephrine and Dopamine Reuptake Inhib)^{viii}

<u>Preferred</u> bupropion, bupropion SR (Wellbutrin, Wellbutrin SR) mirtazapine, mirtazapine soltab (Remeron, Remeron Soltab) trazodone (Desyrel) Effexor, Effexor XR Wellbutrin XL

Sedative Hypnotics^{ix}

<u>Preferred</u>

chloral hydrate estazolam (ProSom) flurazepam (Dalmane) temazepam (Restoril) triazolam (Halcion) Ambien Ambien CR Lunesta Rozerem **Requires Prior Authorization**

Requires Prior Authorization

nefazodone (Serzone)

Cymbalta

Doral Restoril 7.5mg Sonata

Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs)

Preferred citalopram (Celexa) fluoxetine (Prozac) fluvoxamine (Luvox) paroxetine (Paxil) Lexapro Paxil CR Pexeva <u>Requires Prior Authorization</u> Prozac Weekly Sarafem Symbyax Zoloft

Stimulants and Related Agents (Tx for Attention Deficit Hyperact (ADHD)/Narcolepsy; Adrenergics, Aromatic, Non-Catecholamine)

Preferred	Requires Prior Authorization
1 st Tier-	
amphetamine salt combo (Adderall) dextroamphetamine (Dexedrine) methylphenidate (Ritalin) methylphenidate ER (Ritalin-SR) Adderall XR Concerta Focalin Focalin Focalin XR Metadate CD Ritalin LA <u>2nd Tier-</u> Strattera	Desoxyn

ENDOCRINE

Bone Resorption Suppression and Related Agents (Bone Resorption Inhibitors, Bone Formation Stim. Agents -Parathyroid Hormone) ^x

Preferred

Requires Prior Authorization

etidronate (Didronel) Actonel Fosamax, Fosamax Plus D Miacalcin

Actonel with Calcium Boniva Evista Fortical

Hypoglycemics, Insulins and Related Agents

Preferred Byetta

Lantus

Novolin

Symlin

NovoLog

NovoLog Mix

- **Requires Prior Authorization**
- Humulin Humalog Humalog Mix

Hypoglycemics, Meglitinides (Hypoglycemics, Insulin Release Stimulant Type)

Preferred Starlix

Requires Prior Authorization Prandin

Hypoglycemics, Metformins

Preferred

glipizide/metformin (Metaglip) alvburide/metformin (Glucovance) metformin (Glucophage) metformin XR (Glucophage XR) Fortamet Riomet

Requires Prior Authorization

Hypoglycemics, TZDs (Hypoglycemics, Insulin-Response Enhancers)^{xi}

Preferred

Requires Prior Authorization

ActoPlus Met Actos Avandamet Avandia

GASTROINTESTINAL

Antiemetics, Oral (Antiemetic/Antivertigo Agents)

Preferred Emend Zofran, Zofran ODT

Requires Prior Authorization Anzemet Kytril

Phosphate Binders and Related Agents^{xii}

Preferred

Requires Prior Authorization

Fosrenol Magnebind Rx PhosLo Renagel

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Proton Pump Inhibitors (Gastric Acid Secretion Reducers)^{xiii}

Nexium Prevacid Preferred

Requires Prior Authorization omeprazole Aciphex Prilosec OTC Protonix Zegerid

Ulcerative Colitis Agents^{xiv}

<u>Preferred</u>	Requires Prior Authorization
sulfasalazine (Azulfidine)	Colazal
mesalamine enemas (Rowasa)	
Asacol	
Canasa	
Dipentum	
Pentasa	

INJECTABLES

Anticoagulants, Injectable^{xv}

Preferred

Requires Prior Authorization

Arixtra Fragmin

Lovenox

Innohep

Cytokine and CAM Antagonists (Anti-Inflammatory, Pyrimidine Synthesis Inhibitor, Anti-Inflammatory, Tumor Necrosis Factor Inhibitor, Anti-Flam, Interleukin-1 Receptor Antagonist, Drugs to Tx Chronic Inflamm Disease of Colon, Antimetabolites)

	<u>Preferred</u>
Enbrel	
Humira	
Kineret	
Raptiva	

Requires Prior Authorization
Amevive

Erythropoietins (Hematinics, Other)

Preferred

Aranesp Procrit

Requires Prior Authorization Epogen

Growth Hormones (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)^{xvi}

Preferred Norditropin Nutropin AQ Saizen Serostim Tev-Tropin

Requires Prior Authorization

Genotropin Humatrope Nutropin

*Nutropin Depot is available by the manufacturer only to those patients on existing therapy.

Hepatitis C Agents (Hepatitis C Treatment Agents, Immunomodulators)^{xvii}

Preferred Copegus

Pegasys Peg-Intron Peg-Intron Redipen Rebetol (brand only) **Requires Prior Authorization**

ribavirin (generic only) Infergen

Multiple Sclerosis Agents (Agents to Treat Multiple Sclerosis)

Preferred Avonex Betaseron Rebif

Requires Prior Authorization

Copaxone

NEUROLOGICS

Alzheimer's Agents

Preferred Aricept/Aricept ODT Exelon Namenda Razadyne Razadyne ER

Requires Prior Authorization Cognex

Anti-Parkinson's Agents

PreferredRequibenztropine (Cogentin)Parcopalevodopa/carbidopa Immediate
and Extended Release
(Sinemet, Sinemet CR)Tasmarpergolide (Permax)
selegiline (Eldepryl)
trihexyphenidyl (Artane)Comtan
KemadrinKemadrinMirapex
Requip
Stalevo

OPHTHALMIC	

Ophthalmics, Allergic Conjunctivitis (Eye Antiinflammatory Agents, Eye Antihistamines, Ophthalmic Mast Cell Stabilizers)

<u>Preferred</u> cromolyn (Opticrom) Acular Alrex Elestat Patanol <u>Requires Prior Authorization</u>

Requires Prior Authorization

Alamast Alocril Alomide Emadine Optivar Zaditor

Ophthalmics, Antibiotics

Preferred

bacitracin ciprofloxacin solution (Ciloxan) erythromycin (Ilotycin) gentamicin (Garamycin) neomycin/gram/poly (Neosporin) ofloxacin (Ocuflox) polymyxinB/trimethoprim (Polysporin) tobramycin (Tobrex) Zymar **Requires Prior Authorization**

Ciloxan ointment Vigamox Quixin

Ophthalmics, Glaucoma Agent	S
Preferred	Requires Prior Authorization
betaxolol	Istalol
brimonidine	Xalatan
carteolol (Ocupress)	
dipivefrin (Propine)	
levobunolol (Betagan)	
metipranolol (OptiPranolol)	
pilocarpine (Pilocar)	
timolol (Timoptic, Timoptic XE)	
Alphagan P	
Azopt	
Betimol	
Betoptic S	
Cosopt	
Lumigan	
Travatan	
Trusopt	

OTIC

Otics, Antibiotics (Ear Preparations, Antibiotics; Otic Preparations, Anti-Inflammatory-Antibiotics)

Preferred neomycin/polymyxin/ hydrocortisone (Cortisporin) Ciprodex Coly-Mycin S Floxin Otic **Requires Prior Authorization**

Cipro HC Cortisporin-TC

RESPIRATORY

Antihistamines, Minimally Sedating (Antihistamines)^{xviii}

<u>Preferred</u> loratadine, loratadine-D (OTC) Alavert, Alavert-D (OTC) Claritin, Claritin-D (OTC) Tavist ND (OTC) Zyrtec syrup **Requires Prior Authorization**

Allegra, Allegra-D Claritin, Claritin-D (Rx) Clarinex, Clarinex-D Zyrtec (tablets) Zyrtec-D

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Bronchodilators, Anticholinergics

<u>Preferred</u> ipratropium neb (Atrovent) Atrovent HFA Combivent Spiriva <u>Requires Prior Authorization</u> DuoNeb

Leukotriene Receptor Antagonists

<u>Preferred</u> Accolate Singulair **Requires Prior Authorization**

TOPICAL DERMATOLOGICS

Beta₂-Agonist Bronchodilators (Beta-Adrenergic Agents)

<u>Preferred</u> albuterol (Proventil, Ventolin) albuterol HFA (Proventil HFA, Ventolin HFA) metaproterenol (Alupent) terbutaline (Brethine) Maxair Serevent Diskus Xopenex <u>Requires Prior Authorization</u> AccuNeb Alupent Foradil Vospire ER

Glucocorticoids, Inhaled (Beta-Adrenergics and Glucocorticoids Combination, Glucocorticoids)^{xix}

<u>Preferred</u> Advair Diskus Aerobid, Aerobid M <mark>Asmanex</mark> Azmacort Flovent HFA Pulmicort Respules (Ages 1-8) Qvar <u>Requires Prior Authorization</u> Pulmicort Respules (Over Age 8, Under Age 1) Pulmicort Turbuhaler

Intranasal Rhinitis Agents (Nasal Anti-Inflammatory Steroids)

Preferred flunisolide (Nasalide) ipratropium (Atrovent Nasal) Flonase **(brand only)** Nasacort AQ Nasonex <u>Requires Prior Authorization</u> fluticasone nasal **(generic only)** Beconase AQ Nasarel Rhinocort Aqua

Acne Agents, Topical^{xx} Preferred

referred	Requires Prior Authorization
benzoyl peroxide	Benzamycin
clindamycin topical	Brevoxyl
erythromycin	Clinac BPO
erythromycin-benzoyl peroxide	Clindagel
tretinoin	Differin
Azelex	Evoclin
Nuox	Klaron
Retin-A Micro	Renova
Tazorac	Sulfoxyl
	Triaz
	Zaclir

Atopic Dermatitis

<u>Preferred</u> Elidel Protopic

Requires Prior Authorization

Zoderm

UROLOGIC

Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (Alpha-Adrenergic Blocking Agents)^{xxi}

<u>Preferred</u> doxazosin (Cardura) terazosin (Hytrin) <mark>Avodart</mark> Flomax Uroxatral <u>Requires Prior Authorization</u> Proscar

Bladder Relaxant Preparations (Urinary Tract Antispasmodic/ Antiincontinence Agent)^{xxii}

<u>Preferred</u>	Requires Prior Authorization
oxybutynin (Ditropan)	Detrol
Ditropan XL	Detrol LA
Enablex	
Oxytrol	
Sanctura	
Vesicare	

ⁱ Imitrex (oral, nasal, & subcutaneous) is added to the PDL and Zomig (oral, nasal and ZMT) is changed to non-preferred

ⁱⁱ Proquin XR is added to the PDL

ⁱⁱⁱ Benicar and Benicar HCT are added to the PDL

^{iv} Coreg is added to the PDL and Innopran XL is changed to non-preferred

^v Norvasc is added to the PDL

^{vi} Omacor and Triglide are non-preferred

^{vii} Anticonvulsants is a new category for the PDL and is grandfathered.

^{viii} Wellbutrin XL is added to the PDL

^{ix} Ambien, Ambien CR, Lunesta, and Rozerem are added to the PDL and Restoril (7.5mg.) and Sonata are changed to non-preferred.

^x Actonel with Calcium and Fortical are non-preferred

^{xi} ActoPlus Met and Avandia are added to the PDL

xii Fosrenol and Renagel are added to the PDL

^{xiii} Nexium is added to the PDL and Prilosec OTC is changed to nonpreferred

^{xiv} Ascol, Canasa and Dipentum are added to the PDL and Colazal is changed to non-preferred

^{xv} Arixtra is added to the PDL

xvi Saizen and Serostim are added to the PDL

^{xvii} Copegus and Pegasys are added to the PDL and Rebetron is changed to non-preferred

^{xviii} Żyrtec Syrup is added to the PDL and Clarinex Syrup is changed to nonpreferred

^{xix} Asmanex is added to the PDL

- ^{xx} Acne Agents, Topical is a new category for the PDL
- ^{xxi} Avodart is added to the PDL and Proscar is changed to non-preferred

^{xxii} Sanctura and Vesicare are added to the PDL