



# ADVISORY

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## Brand vs Generic (DAW6) Changes to Maryland Medicaid's Preferred Drug List (PDL)

### Effective May 1, 2021, the:

- Brand Revatio Suspension (oral)\*, Transderm-Scop (transdermal) and Norvir tablets (oral) are no longer preferred over their respective generic equivalents. Claims for the brands listed above will now adjudicate only if there is a prior authorization based on an approved Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Medwatch form which can be found at the following link:  
<https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/pap/docs/Maryland%20Medwatch%20Form.pdf>
- \*Please note: Generic Revatio Suspension, sildenafil 10 mg/ml oral solution, remains a non-preferred medication on the Office of Pharmacy Services (OPS) Preferred Drug List (PDL) and will require prior authorization by the prescriber.
- Brand ProAir HFA is preferred and the generic equivalent is no longer preferred. Claims for brand ProAir HFA must be submitted with DAW6 code and will be priced appropriately. An MDH Medwatch form will not be required. Claims with any other DAW code will reject.
- Both the following brand and generic equivalents are preferred: Humalog Junior Kwikpen, Humalog Mix 75/25 pen, Humalog pen and vial, Novolog cartridge, Novolog pen and vial, and Novolog Mix 70/30 pen and vial. Claims for the brand items listed above must be submitted with DAW6 code and will be priced appropriately. An MDH Medwatch form will not be required. Claims with any other DAW code will reject.

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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 MDH, please contact the OPS representative at 410-767-1455.

If any problems are encountered during the online claim adjudication, contact Conduent 24-hour Help Desk at 800-932-3918 for additional system overrides related to the use of the correct DAW code.

Please refer to our website for the complete PDL:

<https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/pap/pages/Preferred-Drug-List.aspx>

All Advisories are available online on MDH's web link at:

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