



April 12, 2007

Dear Provider:

The following changes will go into effect June 1, 2007, regarding our formulary coverage. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself and staff to the amendments.

Please note that May 2007 is the deadline to have the National Provider Identifier (NPI) number. This will replace the NABP for all billing and identification purposes.

Additions:

Avapro (irbesartan) and Benicar (olmesartan); allowed at ½ tablet dosing.  
Focalin XR (dexamethylphenidate); allowed for members ages 4-16 yrs for ADD/ADHD.

Deletions:

Cozaar, Diovan, Concerta

Modifications:

Zoloft (sertraline) will be allowed as first line.  
Lipitor (atorvastatin) and Crestor (rosuvastatin); secondary to generic formulary statins.

Reminders:

The KHS formulary is mandatory generic. Formulary medications available generically need to be considered before prescribing the branded medications within a drug class.

True Track test strips: The monitors are furnished by the vendor at no charge at the pharmacy. The test strips are billable to the plan. To order the monitors, call 1-800-342-7226, ext 3074. Consider these first as there is no waiting period for the member.

Formulary ARB's will require ACE inhibitors to be tried first. Exceptions will be granted for plan endocrinologists and nephrologists.

Albuterol: Please continue to try to use the generic as long as possible. When considering a branded HFA product, use the Ventolin HFA as it has a dose counter.

OxyContin: Teva will continue to supply the generic until the end of the year. Please make use of this.

Sincerely,

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