



Physician/Provider Bulletin

Subject: Changes to formulary	
Plan: Coordinated Care	Bulletin Date: October 25, 2013
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The purpose of this bulletin is to inform all participating providers of important information regarding changes to the HCD pharmacy formulary.

The Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee met on October 16, 2013 and made several changes. Therefore, the following information may be useful for you:

1. As of November 1, 2013 TRAMADOL will no longer be included on the HCD pharmacy formulary.
2. As of November 1, 2013 SIMVASTATIN will no longer be included on the HCD pharmacy formulary.
 - You may select one of the other formulary alternatives currently available to our patients without prior authorization. These medications include:
 - Atorvastatin
 - Pravastatin
3. As of November 1, 2013 CAPTOPRIL will no longer be included on the HCD pharmacy formulary.
 - You may select one of the other formulary alternatives currently available to our patients without prior authorization. These medications include:
 - Enalapril
 - Lisinopril
4. As of November 1, 2013 the following medications will be available at RETAIL PHARMACY ONLY:
 - a. DICLOFENAC TABLETS
 - b. ESTRADIOL (ALL FORMS)
 - c. IBUPROFEN
 - d. INDOMETHACIN
 - e. LEVOTHYROXINE
 - f. MEDROXYPROGESTERONE
 - g. MELOXICAM
 - h. MENEST
 - i. METHIMAZOLE
 - j. NAPROXEN
 - k. PREMARIN
 - l. PREMPRO
 - m. PROPYLTHIOURACIL (PTU)
5. A complete and updated formulary list can be found at our website www.hcdpbc.org on the pharmacy page located under the Health Coverage/Coordinated Care tab.
6. Starting on November 1, 2013 an "MD Request for Non-Formulary, Medically Necessary Drug" form is required and must be completed, along with the necessary requested supportive documentation, in order to receive a prior authorization (PA) or approval for Tramadol, Simvastatin, or Captopril. If the request is approved, the prescription will be filled at one of our clinic pharmacies.
7. During this transition period, we encourage the practitioners to contact their patients/members to discuss these changes and their treatment alternatives in order to maintain continuity of patient care.

If you have questions regarding this provider bulletin, please contact your Provider Representative at (561) 659-1002.

Please insert this bulletin into your Provider Handbook. The policies and procedures in this bulletin supersede any related policies and procedures within the handbook.