

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Medicaid Pharmacies
 FROM: First Health Services
 DATE: Sept. 1, 2006

RE: **Update to the Nevada Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL)**

Preferred Drug List:

The Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee of the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Health Care Financing and Policy reviewed several drug classes within the Preferred Drug List at their July 27, 2006, meeting. The classes reviewed and the actions taken by the committee are as follows.

All changes are effective Sept. 27, 2006:

<u>Drug Class</u>	<u>Drugs Added</u>	<u>Drugs Removed</u>
Antibiotics: Cephalosporins Second Generation	Cefaclor Capsules & Suspension (generic for Ceclor®) Cefaclor ER (generic for Ceclor CD®)	
Antibiotics: Macrolides	Azithromycin Tablets & Suspension (generic for Zithromax®) Clarithromycin Tablets & Suspension (generic for Biaxin®)	Zithromax® Tablets & Suspension Biaxin XL®
Antiemetics: Oral, 5-HT3s	Zofran® - Age restriction removed	
Anti-Migraine Agents: Triptans	Imitrex® - All dosage formulations	Zomig®* - All dosage formulations
Hepatitis C Agents	Peg-Intron® Peg-Intron® Redipen Ribavirin	Copegus®



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<u>Drug Class</u>	<u>Drugs Added</u>	<u>Drugs Removed</u>
Herpetic Antiviral Agents	Valtrex®	
Ophthalmic Antihistamines	Patanol®	Elestat®
Respiratory: Beta-Adrenergic Agents, Short-Acting Inhaled	Maxair® Proventil HFA® Ventolin HFA® Xopenex HFA® Xopenex Nebs® (No PA required <12 years)	
Respiratory: Glucocorticoids, Inhaler	Advair®	

*Recipients currently on Zomig® will be allowed to remain on the drug for up to one year without a prior authorization.

A complete PDL is posted on the First Health Services' website at <https://medicaid.nv.gov> (select "Preferred Drug List" from the "Pharmacy" drop-down menu).

Clinical Prior Authorization (PA) Edits:

Specific details as well as updates to Clinical PA Edits can be found at the following website: <http://www.dhcfp.state.nv.us> (click on "Medicaid Manuals," select "Chapter" under "1200-Prescription Services (Rx)" and then scroll down to "Appendix A").

If you have questions regarding the PDL or the Clinical PA Edits, please contact the First Health Services Clinical Call Center at (800) 505-9185.