

Nevada Medicaid Preferred Drug List Implementation

The Nevada Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP), in conjunction with First Health Services Corporation, will begin implementing the Preferred Drug List (PDL) August 17, 2004.

On August 17th, soft edits will begin for all classes on the PDL. Soft edits will allow the prescription to be filled but will come back with the following message: **"Effective (date to be entered), this drug will require prior authorization. Please have the prescriber contact First Health Services at 1-800-505-9185."** This telephone number connects the prescriber to First Health Services' Clinical Call Center to obtain prior authorization.

Beginning August 25th, hard edits will begin for the first phase of drugs to be implemented on the list. Hard edits will send the message: **"Non-preferred drugs require prior authorization at the point of sale."** At this time the prescriber will need to change to a preferred drug or contact First Health Services for a prior authorization. The three-part phase-in for hard edits is as follows: August 25th, September 8th and September 22nd. Additional information on the drug classes to be phased in will be available online at <http://nevada.fhsc.com> under the "Pharmacy" tab.

First Health Services will present one-hour educational sessions addressing the impact this initiative will have on providers and recipients. Topics will include the drug selection and prior authorization processes. Session dates are:

Monday, August 2nd: Carson City

National Guard Armory Auditorium
2460 Fairview Drive
Carson City, NV

Wednesday, August 4th: Reno

Mack Auditorium
Washoe Medical Center
77 Pringle Way
Reno, NV

Thursday, August 5th: Las Vegas and Tuesday, August 10th: Las Vegas

Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce
3720 Howard Hughes Pkwy
Las Vegas, NV

Monday, August 9th: Elko

Red Lion Inn
2065 Idaho Street
Elko, NV

All sessions listed above will begin at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided. No advanced registration is required. If you have questions on the Las Vegas session, call Jamie Wyels at (702) 914-2131 or (702) 279-2489. For information on the Carson City, Reno and Elko sessions, call Dawn Daly at (775) 784-3906. In addition to the sessions listed above, a special session will be offered via videoconference for all rural providers at 2 p.m. on July 28th. Contact Dawn Daly at (775) 784-3906 for details.