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Pharmacy Announcement



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

The Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee of the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Health Care Financing and Policy met on Dec. 14, 2006, to review several drug classes. The drug classes reviewed and the actions taken by the committee are as follows:

Drug Class	Drugs Added	Drugs Removed or Not Added	Changes to Current Criteria
Analgesics: Long-Acting Narcotics	None	Opana ER®	None
Antidepressants: SSRI's	None	None	Age and diagnosis restriction removed from Zoloft®. Brand Zoloft® preferred versus generic sertraline.
Central Nervous System: ADHD/Stimulants/ Non-Stimulants	None	Daytrana®	Non-preferred agents may be authorized after unsuccessful trial of one versus two preferred agents.
Central Nervous System: Hypnotics	Rozerem® (ICD-9 CM code 307.42 required)	None	None

All changes are effective Jan. 30, 2007:

A complete, updated PDL is posted on the First Health Services website at <https://medicaid.nv.gov> (select "Preferred Drug List" from the "Pharmacy" 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.