

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Medicaid Pharmacies and Prescribers
 FROM: First Health Services
 DATE: July 25, 2007

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

The Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee of the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Health Care Financing and Policy completed the annual review of the Preferred Drug List at their meeting held on June 21, 2007. The actions taken by the committee are as follows.

All changes are effective Aug. 15, 2007:

Drug Class	Drugs Added	Drugs Removed	Drugs Reviewed But Not Added
Anti-Migraine Agents: Triptans	Relpax® None		
Cardiovascular: Antihyperlipidemics: Statins and Statin Combinations	Pravastatin Altoprev®		
Cardiovascular: Beta Blockers	Coreg CR®*	None	
Central Nervous System: ADHD/Stimulants	Concerta® Metham	phetamine (generic Desoxyn®)	
Ophthalmic Antihistamines	Alaway® Pataday® Zaditor OTC®	Zaditor®	
Respiratory: Inhaled Corticosteroids/Nebs	Advair HFA® Flovent HFA®	Flovent®** Sym	bicort®
Cardiovascular: Antihyperlipidemics: Niacin Agents	Niaspan®*** None		



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* For both Coreg® and Coreg CR®, prior authorization is not required if prescriber indicates an ICD-9-CM diagnosis code of 428 (heart failure) on the prescription **OR** if the recipient is concurrently receiving a diuretic with either an Angiotensin II Receptor Blocker (ARB) agent **or** an Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme (ACE) inhibitor.

** Discontinued drug.

*** This action taken by the P&T Committee meeting held March 22, 2007.

A complete 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.