

## **Effective March 5, 2012 Epivir will be added to the Dispense Brand Drugs When Less Expensive Initiative**

**In conformance with State Education Law which intends that patients receive the lower cost alternative, brand name drugs included in this program:**

- **Do not require 'Dispense as Written' (DAW) or 'Brand Medically Necessary' on the prescription**
- have a generic copayment;
- will be paid at the Brand Name Drug reimbursement rate or usual and customary price, whichever is lower (neither the SMAC nor FUL will be applied);

### **IMPORTANT BILLING INFORMATION**

- Prescription claims submitted to the Medicaid program **do not require** the submission of Dispense As Written/Product Selection Code of '1'; and
- **Pharmacies can submit any valid NCPDP field (408-D8) value.**

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*Current list of Brand name drugs included in this program\* (Date Revised 3/5/2012):*

- **Adderall XR**
- **Arixtra**
- **Astelin**
- **Carbatrol**
- **Combivir**
- **Concerta**
- **Diastat**
- **Epivir**
- **Kadian**
- **Lipitor**
- **Lovenox**
- **Nasacort AQ**
- **Uroxatral**
- **Valtrex**
- **Zyprexa tablet**

\* List is subject to change

