



STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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April 1, 2007

Dear Prescriber:

The Medicaid Preferred Drug Program (PDP) is expanding to include additional drug classes. Prescriptions written on or after May 1, 2007 for non-preferred drugs in the following drug classes will require prior authorization:

Cholesterol Absorption Inhibitors
Immunomodulators (injectable)
Ophthalmic Antihistamines

Ophthalmic Quinolones
Otic Quinolones

Remember: If you prescribe the preferred drug, no further action on your part is required. To obtain prior authorization for non-preferred drugs, please call the prior authorization clinical call center at 1-877-309-9493. Be sure to listen for the appropriate prompts. The clinical call center is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with pharmacy technicians and pharmacists who will work with you, or your agent, to quickly obtain a prior authorization number.

Requests for prior authorization of non-preferred drugs can be faxed to the clinical call center at 1-800-268-2990. Please note that a faxed request can take up to 24 hours to be completed.

Enclosed is the most up to date Preferred Drug List, with a full listing of preferred and non-preferred drugs for each of the drug classes currently subject to the PDP. Additional information, such as a "Quick List" of only preferred drugs, updated prior authorization forms, and clinical criteria for the PDP and the Clinical Drug Review Program (CDRP) is available at:

www.nyhealth.gov and <http://newyork.fhsc.com>.

If you have any questions about the Medicaid Pharmacy PDP or wish to obtain additional information regarding the PDP, please call the staffed clinical call center at 1-877-309-9493. Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to maintain a quality pharmacy program for Medicaid enrollees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Kelley Cherubin".

Mary Kelley Cherubin
Preferred Drug Program Manager
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Office of Health Insurance Programs

Enclosure