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Dear Prescriber:

The Commissioner of Health has accepted the recommendations and approved changes made by the P&T Committee on April 15, 2011. Effective June 1, 2011 Prior authorization requirements changed for some drugs in the following nine Preferred Drug Program (PDP) classes:

- Angiotensin Receptor Blockers (ARBs)
- Antihistamines – Second Generation
- ARBs + Diuretics
- Prostaglandin Agonists – Ophthalmic
- Psoriasis Agents – Topical
- Sedative Hypnotics/Sleep Agents
- Serotonin Receptor Agonists (Triptans)
- Triglyceride Lowering Agents
- Urinary Tract Antispasmodics

The PDP has also expanded to include one additional drug class. Non-preferred drugs in **Tetracyclines** will require prior authorization.

The Quick List of preferred drugs and additional information, such as updated prior authorization forms and clinical criteria for the PDP and Clinical Drug Review Program (CDRP) are available at the following websites:

<http://www.nyhealth.gov> or <http://newyork.fhsc.com> or <http://www.eMedNY.org>

Remember, unless otherwise indicated on the PDL or Quick List, prescribing preferred drugs requires no further action on your part.

To obtain prior authorization for non-preferred drugs within the drug classes listed above, 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 within the drug classes listed above 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.

If you have any questions, wish to obtain additional information regarding the PDP, or receive a comprehensive listing of the non-preferred and preferred agents within the drug classes managed by the PDP, please contact the 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 and Family Health Plus enrollees.

Sincerely,



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