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Pharmacy Facts

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MHDL Updates

1. Additions

The following newly marketed drugs have been added to the MassHealth Drug List.

Allegra ODT (fexofenadine orally disintegrating tablet) – **PA**
 Bystolic (nebivolol) – **PA**
 Combigan (brimonidine/timolol, ophthalmic)
 Doribax (doripenem)
 Flector Patch (diclofenac topical patch) – **PA**
 Hyper RAB (rabies immune globulin IM, human)
 Intelence (etravirine)
 Ixemptra (ixabepilone)
 Kuvan (sapropterin)
 Renvela (sevelamer)
 Sanctura XR (trospium extended-release)
 Somatuline (lanreotide)
 Tassigna (nilotinib)
 Tekturna HCT (aliskiren/hydrochlorothiazide) – **PA**
 Valstar (valrubicin)
 Veregen (sinecatechins) – **PA**
 Zylflo CR (zileuton extended-release) – **PA**

2. New FDA “A”-Rated Generics

The following FDA “A”-rated generic drugs have been added to the MassHealth Drug List. The brand name is listed with a # symbol, to indicate that prior authorization is required for the brand.

New FDA “A” - Rated Generic Drug

Generic Equivalent of

albuterol/ipratropium	Duoneb #
alendronate	Fosamax #
balsalazide	Colazal #
ethinyl estradiol/ norethindrone	Estrostep FE #
granisetron tablet – PA > 15 units/month	Kytril # – PA > 15 units/ month

3. Change in PA Status

- The PA requirements for Prevacid capsules and solutabs are changing. The following PA requirements are effective April 15, 2008. Please see Table 3 for a complete list of PA requirements for the Proton Pump Inhibitors.

Prevacid (lansoprazole) capsule – **PA ≥ 2 years**
 Prevacid SoluTab (lansoprazole, orally disintegrating tablet) – **PA ≥ 2 years**

- The following PA requirements are effective April 15, 2008.

clindamycin 300 mg – **PA**
 Zyxon (linezolid), oral – **PA**
 Zylflo (zileuton) – **PA**

4. Updated MassHealth Nonlegend (OTC) Drug List

The MassHealth Nonlegend (OTC) Drug List has been updated to include the following drug.

cetirizine tablet

5. Deletions

- The following drugs have been deleted from the MassHealth Drug List because they are now over-the-counter.
 - Zyrtec (cetirizine)
 - Zyrtec-D (cetirizine/pseudoephedrine)
- The following medications have been deleted from the MassHealth Drug List. MassHealth does not pay for legend or nonlegend preparations for cosmetic purposes.
 - Drysol (aluminum chloride)
 - Xerac AC (aluminum chloride)
- The following drugs have been deleted from the MassHealth Drug List because they were discontinued by the manufacturer.
 - Estrostep 21 (ethinyl estradiol/norethindrone)
 - Prevacid (lansoprazole) suspension

6. Corrections

- The age restrictions for the following drugs have been added to the MassHealth Drug List. They were omitted in error.
 - Zostavax (herpes zoster vaccine) – **PA < 60 years**
 - Gardasil (human papillomavirus vaccine) – **PA < 9 years and > 26 years**
- The following drugs have been added to the MassHealth Drug List. They were omitted in error.
 - HalfLytely (polyethylene glycol-electrolyte solution/bisacodyl) - **PA**
 - Supprelin LA (histrelin) – **PA**
 - Vantas (histrelin) – **PA**