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# **Pharmacy Facts**

# **MassHealth Pharmacy Program**

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## MHDL Updates

Below are certain updates to the MassHealth Drug List (MHDL). See the MHDL for a complete listing of updates.

#### 1. Additions

The following newly marketed drugs have been added to the MassHealth Drug List as of July 16, 2012.

Cosopt PF (dorzolamide/timolol, preservative free) - PA

Intermezzo (zolpidem, sublingual tablet) – PA Korlym (mifepristone) – PA Omontys (peginesatide) ^ – PA Picato (ingenol) – PA Qnasl (beclomethasone nasal aerosol) – PA Revlimid (lenalidomide 2.5 mg) – PA > 30 units/month Subsys (fentanyl sublingual spray) – PA ZIOPTAN (tafluprost) – PA

#### 2. New FDA "A" -Rated Generics

The following FDA "A"-rated generic drugs have been added to the MassHealth Drug List as of July 16, 2012. The brand name is listed with a # symbol, to indicate that prior authorization is required for the brand.

New FDA "A"-Rated <u>Generic Drug</u> clopidogrel lamivudine/zidovudine

<u>Generic Equivalent</u> Plavix # Combivir #

### 3. Change in Prior-Authorization Status

a. The following drug no longer requires prior authorization effective July 16, 2012.

Derma-smoothe FS # (fluocinolone body oil, scalp oil)

hydrocortisone acetate/aloe vera cream, gel, lotion

 The prior-authorization requirements for the following drug have changed. The new prior-authorization requirement is shown below.

Veramyst (fluticasone furoate nasal spray) – PA ≥ 4 years and > 1 inhaler/month

c. The following topical corticosteroids will require prior authorization effective July 30, 2012

Apexicon-E (diflorasone cream/emollient) – PA Kenalog (triamcinolone spray) – PA Texacort (hydrocortisone solution) – PA Topicort (desoximetasone cream, gel, ointment) – PA

Trianex (triamcinolone 0.05% ointment) - PA

<sup>f</sup> This is a brand-name drug with FDA "A" -rated generic equivalents. Prior authorization is required for the brand, unless a particular form of that drug (for example, tablet, capsule, or liquid) does not have an FDA "A" -rated generic equivalent.

- d. The following otic antibiotics will require prior authorization effective July 30, 2012.
  Coly-Mycin S (colistin/neomycin/thonzonium/ hydrocortisone) – PA
  Cortisporin-TC (colistin/neomycin/thonzonium/ hydrocortisone) – PA
- e. The following laxatives will require prior authorization effective July 30, 2012.

CoLyte with flavor packs (polyethylene glycolelectrolyte solution) – PA GoLytely packet (polyethylene glycol-electrolyte solution) – PA

f. The following drug is restricted to a health-care professional

ketamine injection ^ - PA

#### 4. Updated Non-Drug Product List

The MassHealth Non-Drug Product List has been updated to reflect recent changes to the MassHealth Drug List. The following non-drug products have been added to the Non-Drug Product List as covered without prior authorization, effective July 16, 2012.

Hyper-Sal (sodium chloride 3.5% for inhalation) Nebusal (sodium chloride 6% for inhalation) sodium chloride for inhalation

#### 5. Corrections

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a.
The following drugs have been added to the
MassHealth Drug List. They were omitted in error.
These changes do not reflect any change in
MassHealth policy.
   Busulfex (busulfan injection)
   Desowen # (desonide cream)
   Epivir (lamivudine solution)
   Epivir # (lamivudine tablet)
   Fludara # (fludarabine)
   fluocinolone cream, ointment, solution
   Hycamtin # (topotecan)
   hydrocortisone cream, lotion, ointment
   Myleran (busulfan tablet)
   Olux-E (clobetasol propionate foam/emollient)
   QUADRAMET (samarium SM 153 lexidronam) ^
   SSD # (silver sulfadiazine)
   Tabloid (thioguanine)
   Vitrasert (ganciclovir intravitreal implant) ^
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b. The following drugs previously had an "A"-rated generic equivalent that is no longer available on the market. Prior authorization is no longer required for the branded products.

Grifulvin V (griseofulvin 500 mg tablet) Gris-Peg (griseofulvin 125 mg, 250 mg tablet)

This drug is available through the health-care professional who administers the drug. MassHealth does not pay for this drug to be dispensed through a retail pharmacy.

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