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Changes to the Florida Medicaid Preferred Drug List

Dear Medicaid Provider,

You are receiving this letter because we have identified patients under your care who are receiving treatment with Novolin and Novolog. The Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee met January 10, 2007 and recommended changes that will impact the medication choices readily available via the Preferred Drug List for the treatment of Diabetes. Therefore, you may receive calls from pharmacists asking you to change prescriptions from Novolin and Novolog to Humulin and Humalog.

Effective March 31, 2007, Novolin and Novolog will be removed from the Preferred Drug List. In the therapeutic class ‘Hypoglycemics, Insulin and Related Agents’, the committee recommended including Lantus, Levemir, Humulin, Humalog and Novolog Mix 70/30 on the Preferred Drug List.

The current Medicaid Preferred Drug List is posted on the on the Medicaid website at: http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/Prescribed_Drug/. Updates to the Medicaid Preferred Drug List are posted on this website after each Pharmacy and Therapeutics committee meeting.

We appreciate your assistance in helping Medicaid patients obtain the appropriate diabetes medications.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Bolin in Medicaid Pharmacy Services at (850) 487-4441.

Sincerely,

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