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Dear Pharmacy Provider:

This letter is to inform you of an important change to the Medicaid program's Preferred Drug List. The proton pump inhibitors (PPI's) AcipHex[®] and Prontonix[®] will require a prior authorization beginning February 1, 2003.

After February 1, 2003, claims for AcipHex[®] or Prontonix[®] prescriptions that have not received prior authorization will be denied. You or the recipient should contact the prescriber. Pharmacists should not call Medicaid for approvals. The prescriber may agree to change the recipient to Prevacid (lansoprazole), the preferred PPI, or may contact ACS at (877) 553-7481 for authorization to continue the patient's current therapy.

All prescribers who routinely prescribe AcipHex[®] or Prontonix[®] were mailed a notice of this change. Please communicate this information to any prescriber you feel is not yet aware of this policy.

Also note, claims for omeprazole prescriptions that have not received prior authorization will be denied as well.

For additional information, you may contact Medicaid Pharmacy Services at (850) 487-4441.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Medicaid Pharmacy Services

