



JEB BUSH, GOVERNOR

ALAN LEVINE, SECRETARY

July 7, 2005

Dear Medicaid Participant,

Our records show that you have received at least one prescription medication through the Florida Medicaid program within the last three months. I am writing to let you know that the Florida legislature recently made changes to the Medicaid pharmacy program. These changes could affect the prescription drugs you use.

This does not mean your Medicaid prescriptions are no longer covered. Your doctor will still be able to prescribe the same types or categories of drugs, but some of the individual drugs within these categories may no longer be on the Medicaid Preferred Drug List. If a drug is not on the list and your doctor still wants to prescribe it, he or she will have to send in more information so that you may receive prior approval to continue using that product.

If you currently take the anti-psychotic drugs Zyprexa or Symbyax or the anti-depressant drugs Cymbalta, Prozac Weekly, Sarafem or Effexor XR, you have a 60-day transition period beginning July 11, 2005, to contact your pharmacist or physician for a different prescription or for your doctor to use the prior authorization process.

To find out more about how these changes may affect you, please contact your pharmacist or doctor. You can also view the preferred drug list by logging onto the Internet and visiting <http://ahca.myflorida.com>.

It is our pleasure to serve you and as always, you can call your local Medicaid office for assistance.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Arnold
Deputy Secretary for Medicaid

