

## JUNE 5, 2012 PDL CHANGES

### DVHA TO LIFT RESTRICTION ON DISPENSING OF SEVERAL GENERICS

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Dear Pharmacy Provider:

As you know, the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) has limited the dispensing of several generics to their branded forms only, since the introduction of the generics to the market. While clearly an unconventional coverage limitation, this is primarily driven by either the limited number of generic manufacturers marketing the generic products to date or lower net costs to the state for the brand compared to the generic.

DVHA reimburses pharmacies based on a "lower of" methodology and routinely re-evaluates the cost of brand products that are preferred as MAC and FUL prices are updated.

Recently, MAC prices have been established for some newer generic products. Consequently, **DVHA will be lifting its current restriction on the following generics effective 06/05/2012.** As such, all active prescriptions for brand-name products below and any new prescriptions issued for either the generic or brand below for a DVHA member should be filled with a generic product beginning 06/05/2012. Effective 06/05/2012, any prescriptions for the branded products will require prior authorization.

<b>Generic Product (Preferred as of 06/05/2012)</b>	<b>Branded Product (PA required as of 06/05/2012)</b>
Fentanyl Transdermal Patch	Duragesic <sup>®</sup> Patch
Levofloxacin Oral Solution and Tablets	Levaquin <sup>®</sup> Oral Solution and Tablets
Methylphenidate SA Osm Tablets	Concerta <sup>®</sup> Tablets
Nicotine Transdermal Patch 24 hr	Nicoderm CQ <sup>®</sup> Patch
Nicotine Gum	Nicorette <sup>®</sup> Gum
Quetiapine Tablets	Seroquel <sup>®</sup> Tablets
Valacyclovir Tablets	Valtrex <sup>®</sup> Tablets
Venlafaxine SR 24 hr Capsules	Effexor XR <sup>®</sup> Capsules
Ziprasidone Capsules	Geodon <sup>®</sup> capsules

We greatly appreciate your understanding and cooperation with these efforts. If you have questions related to these changes in benefit coverage, please feel free to contact our on-site MedMetrics' Clinical Account Manager, Diane Neal, R.Ph, at 1-802-879-5605 or our on-site MedMetrics' Program Representative, Michelle Sirois, at 1-802-879-5940.

Thank you for your continued support of the State of Vermont's pharmacy programs.

Sincerely,

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