

## JANUARY 14, 2014 PDL CHANGES

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

December 16, 2013

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. This is primarily driven by either the limited number of generic manufacturers marketing the generic products to date or significantly 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 prices are updated.

Recently, MAC prices have been established or lowered for some newer generic products. Consequently, **DVHA will be lifting its current restriction on the following generics effective 01/14/2014.** 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 01/14/2014. Effective 01/14/2014, any prescriptions for the branded products will require prior authorization.

Generic Product (Preferred before Brand as of 01/14/2014 – may still require PA)	Branded Product (PA required as of 01/14/2014)
Donepezil Tablets	Aricept <sup>®</sup> Tablets
Escitalopram Tablets	Lexapro <sup>®</sup> Tablets
Irbesartan and Irbesartan/Hydrochlorothiazide Tablets	Avapro <sup>®</sup> and Avapro HCT <sup>®</sup> Tablets
Lansoprazole Capsules	Prevacid <sup>®</sup> Capsules
Montelukast Granules	Singulair <sup>®</sup> Granules
Nateglinide Tablets	Starlix <sup>®</sup> Tablets
Olanzapine Tablets and Olanzapine ODT	Zyprexa <sup>®</sup> Tablets and Zyprexa Zydis <sup>®</sup>
Pioglitazone Tablets	Actos <sup>®</sup> Tablets
Risperidone ODT	Risperdal M <sup>®</sup> Tablets
Rizatriptan Tablets and Rizatriptan ODT	Maxalt <sup>®</sup> Tablets and Maxalt MLT <sup>®</sup>
Valsartan/hydrochlorothiazide Tablets	Diovan HCT <sup>®</sup> Tablets
Zolpidem CR 12.5 mg Tablets	Ambien <sup>®</sup> CR 12.5 mg Tablets

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 Catamaran Clinical Consultant, Diane Neal, R.Ph, at 1-802-879-5605 or our on-site Catamaran Client Services Manager, 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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