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****Important Changes to Coverage for Brand and Generic Formulations of Retin-A®
(tretinoin) and Differin® (adapalene)****

Dear Medicaid Provider,

Effective 4/26/19, generic formulations of Tretinoin cream and gel (all strengths) will be moving to non-preferred status on the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) Preferred Drug List (PDL). Brand name Retin-A® cream and gel will be moving to preferred status as it now has a lower net cost to Vermont Medicaid compared to generics. Prescribers will not be required to change the way new prescriptions are written nor re-write currently valid prescriptions. If the patient is unable to switch to brand Retin-A®, use of generic will require Prior Authorization. Retin-A Micro® and generic Tretinoin microsphere will remain non-preferred. Additionally, brand name Differin® (cream, gel and lotion) will be moving to preferred status. Generic Adapalene products will remain non-preferred and will require Prior Authorization.

We continually monitor the net costs of these medications and periodically adjust the PDL if new or more cost-effective products become available. For questions, please contact the Change Healthcare Pharmacy Help Desk at 1-844-679-5362. Vermont providers can also send inquiries via email to PBA_VTHelpdesk@changehealthcare.com. Thank you for your continued support of Vermont's clinical pharmacy programs.

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