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To: MaineCare Providers
From: Jennifer Cook, Pharmacy Unit Manager
Date: 09/24/09
Re: PDL updates: Effective 10/01/09

The following medications will be non-preferred and will require prior authorization:

Fosamax D
Asacol HD
Imitrex Tabs
Casodex
Cellcept

The following medications will be preferred and will not require prior authorization:

Sumatriptan Tabs
Bicalutamide
Mycophenolate

The following medications will be preferred with clinical PA:

Lantus Solostar - Clinical PA will be required to establish significant visual or neurological impairment.

The following are miscellaneous PDL changes/clarifications:

MaineCare currently prefers three PPI drugs- Protonix, Prevacid and Omeprazole. Beginning in November Prevacid will be going generic and ordinarily generics would quickly become less expensive than the brand drug. Because the generic will be exclusive this will not be true and Prevacid will cost substantially more than the other preferred products. Effective October 1st 2009 Kapidex will replace Prevacid as a preferred medication on the PDL. New starters of prevacid will require a PA. Patients already established on Prevacid will have till December 31st to transition to one of the three preferred medications. Patients affected by the recently implemented GI PPI utilization management program may need to switch earlier than December 31st if they qualify clinically for continued PPI therapy.