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To: MaineCare Providers
From: Jennifer Palow, Pharmacy Division Director
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Re: Updates in MaineCare Services

The following is an update reminder of changes coming over the next couple of weeks in Pharmacy Services.

D.0 Implementation

MaineCare would like to remind Pharmacy Providers that beginning July 1st 2012 MaineCare will no longer accept claims in the NCPDP 5.1 format and that all claims will now be required to be sent in the NCPDP D.0 format. In March Centers for Medicaid and Medicare extended the implementation through June 30th 2012. If you have questions please contact GHS at 1-888-420-9711. Claims received on July 1, 2012 in the 5.1 version will be rejected.

Generic Lipitor (Atorvastatin)

Starting June 29th 2012, generic atorvastatin will become preferred on the MaineCare PDL. Many providers have asked recently when this product would be available and recent releases of generics by manufacturers has lead to prices falling below the MaineCare cost of Brand-name Lipitor. MaineCare members and the MaineCare PDL have a long history with the Brand product and we expect the transition to go smoothly. MaineCare will allow the Lipitor to remain open as a preferred product Until August 1, 2012. The following SMAC pricing will apply to the generic strengths of atorvastatin.

Atorvastatin Calcium Tab 10 MG	0.2204
Atorvastatin Calcium Tab 20 MG	0.3135
Atorvastatin Calcium Tab 40 MG	0.3135
Atorvastatin Calcium Tab 80 MG	0.3135