



PROVIDER *bulletin*

November 25, 2009

Dear Provider:

The following changes will go into effect December 1, 2009, regarding our Formulary coverage. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself and staff to the amendments.

Additions:

Aranesp (darepoetin): Adding the strengths: 25, 40, 60, 100, and 200 mcg/ml. Preferred agent for chronic use of appropriate ESA medications.

Crolom (cromolyn): Replaces Alomide as plan's ophthalmic mast cell stabilizer.

Voltaren (diclofenac sodium): ophthalmic drops, nsaid anti-inflammatory.

Lotemax (loteprednol): Adding for plan ophthalmologists.

Patanol (olopatadine): Adding for plan ophthalmologists.

Restasis (cyclosporine): Adding for plan ophthalmologists.

Zaditor (ketotifen): 0.025% ophthalmic drops. As OTC, not available to Healthy Families product.

Emend (aprepitant): Available to plan oncologists for highly emetic chemotherapy regimens (ie platinum) only. Prior authorization is required.

TRUE2go & TRUEresult blood glucose test strips: Will be expanding the TRUEtrack product line. The test strips for these meters are True Test. See accompanying flyer.

Deletions:

Alomide (Iodoxamide) 0.01%.: Consider Cromolyn as agent of choice.

Proair HFA (albuterol): Plan allows Ventolin HFA exclusively.

Modifications:

Acular/Acular LS (ketorolac): Allow for plan ophthalmologists. Plan's alternative would be Diclofenac sodium drops.

Zyrtec (certirizine) 10mg tablet: Will expand coverage through age 18 years.

Sincerely,

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