

Formulary Alert!



Washtenaw Health Plan
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To: Washtenaw Health Plan Providers
From: Elizabeth Skrzypek RN, WHP Nurse Coordinator
Date: 6/18/2009
Re: Changes in the WHP formulary

Oral contraceptives have been removed from the WHP formulary. The following options are available for WHP members:

WHP Plan A members:

- Are eligible to get their family planning needs including birth control pills through the Title X program at Planned Parenthood or The Corner Health Center.
- WHP Plan A members must get a pelvic exam through Title X before receiving a prescription for birth control.
- Family Planning services are provided by the Title X program NOT the WHP. WHP Plan A members are eligible for free birth control pills and exams through Title X based on their very low income.
- Contact Elizabeth Skrzypek RN, WHP Nurse Coordinator at 734-544-3034 for information about formulary overrides available for medical (non-contraceptive) needs. (WHP Plan A members only)

WHP Plan B members are eligible to receive family planning services through Plan First if they are;

- Females between the ages of 19 and 44 and
- A US citizen or a legal immigrant (has a green card and has lived here for 5 years)

WHP Plan B member who are not eligible for Plan First:

- Are advised to use pharmacies that offer lower prices on oral contraceptives ranging from \$9.00/month to \$25.00/month.
- Can be seen by Planned Parenthood for family planning on a sliding fee scale basis.

WHP providers are asked to adapt prescriptions and patient education to reflect these changes. If you have any specific questions or concerns regarding patient care, and/or the formulary, please feel free to contact Elizabeth Skrzypek RN, WHP Nurse Coordinator at 734-544-3034, email: skrzypeke@ewashtenaw.org. Members who have questions about the formulary should call WHP Member Services, toll free: (866) 291-8691.

The WHP Formulary will be updated to reflect these changes and is available on the website at <http://whp.ewashtenaw.org>. I hope this information is helpful. If you have any other questions or suggestions, please call or email me using the contact information listed below.

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