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December, 2006 ♦ Important Information about the Washtenaw Health Plan ♦ <http://whp.ewashtenaw.org>

Formulary Improvements Implemented

Formulary changes begin December 1st, 2006

WHP Formulary Additions

- Amiodarone
- Augmentin
- Amoxicillin tr-Potassium Clavulanate
- Betamethasone 0.05%
- Clotrimazole 1% cream and lotion (*Lotrisone*)
- Ciprofloxacin
- Epi-Pen
- Flunisolide Nasal Spray (*replaces Beconase for Plan A*)
- Glucagon Emergency Kit
- Metrogel, Vaginal .75% and Metrogel 1%
- MS Contin (*Prior Authorization only*)
- Plavix
- Simvastatin/Zocor (*80 mg, Prior Authorization only*)
- Zithromax/Azithromycin

Digoxin has been REMOVED from the formulary.

Prior Authorization Required

As of December 1, 2006, Prior Authorization will now be required for:

- MS Contin
- Simvastatin, 80 mg
- Non-formulary, long-term overrides

Minor adjustments in dosage have been made to:

Amoxicillin; Armour Thyroid; Bupropion; Clindamycin (Cleocin); Coumadin/Warfarin; Decadron; Hydrocodone w/ ibuprofen and Hydrocodone w/ lower doses of Tylenol; Hyoscyamine Sulfate CR/Levsin; Imdur—long-acting variant of Isordil; Levothyroxine Sodium/Synthroid; Lisinopril/HCTZ; Lithium Carbonate; Spironolactone.

REMINDER:

FIND ALL FORMULARY CHANGES & PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FORMS ON:

<http://whp.ewashtenaw.org>

New PBM Begins 1/1/2007

The WHP pharmacy benefit will be managed by 4D Pharmacy Management Systems, Inc. beginning January 1st, 2007. WHP members will receive new pharmacy cards by the end of December, 2006. WHP members should plan to use the new 4D pharmacy card beginning January 1, 2007; however, pharmacists will be able to fill WHP prescriptions even if members present with their old card.

**Call the WHP Nurse Coordinator for
Pharmacy Override and Prior Authorization Information:
Phone: (734) 544-3050; toll free: (800) 440-7548**

The Provider Network Bulletin is designed to give providers useful information about issues that impact Washtenaw Health Plan and its members. Comments or questions should be directed to Barbara Bowman, Provider Network Manager, 555 Towner Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197; Phone: (734) 544-6881; Fax: (734) 544-6705; e-mail: bowmanb@ewashtenaw.org.