

# Provider Alert!



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To: Washtenaw Health Plan Providers/Pharmacies  
From: Elizabeth Skrzypek RN, WHP Nurse Coordinator  
Date: 5-3-2011  
Re: Update on Recent WHP Drug Formulary Changes Effective 5/1/11

## Plan A Formulary Only

Two oral contraceptive pills have been added to the Plan A drug formulary

- *Sprintec* (ethinyl estradiol/norgestimate) tablets
- *Tri-Sprintec* (norgestimate/ethinyl estradiol) tablets

## Plan A and B Formularies

- *Colcrys 0.6 mg tabs have been removed.* This medication is no longer generic and the cost for a 1 month supply has increased to around \$300/month.
- An alternative to the Colcrys could be to prescribe *Indomethacin* (which is covered by the WHP for both Plan A and B) and *Allopurinol* (covered for Plan A; not covered for Plan B, but available under the low cost pharmacy programs).
- There is a Colcrys Patient Assistance Program that our WHP members may be eligible for. You can find this information at [www.needymeds.com](http://www.needymeds.com); remember that the WHP is NOT insurance.

**The following meds are no longer available at the low cost pharmacy programs and have been added back to the WHP Drug Formulary.**

- *Nitrostat* 0.3 mg, 0.4 mg and 0.6 mg SL tabs
- *Indocin* (indomethacin) 25 and 50 mg capsules

The WHP Drug Formulary has been updated and is available at <http://whp.ewashtenaw.org>. Thank you for all that you do for our WHP members and feel free to contact me regarding these changes or any other formulary issues.

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