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Maricopa Health Plan **BULLETIN**

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SUBJECT: New Drug Formulary

TO: All Providers

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Please ensure that this information is communicated with the Pre-Visit Coordinators, Pre-certification staff, Nurses Managers, Clinic Managers and any other appropriate front office personnel.

Effective December 1, 2006, Maricopa Health Plan will be implementing a new drug formulary. Listed below are some of the significant changes that will be occurring. Italicized medications are those that have been removed from the formulary.

- Nonsteroidal Antiinflammatory Medications
 - Nabumetone
 - Piroxicam
 - Diflunisal
 - Oxaprozin

- Migraine Medications
 - Sumatriptan (limited to 9 tablets every two months, 1 kit per month, or 1 spray per month)
 - Eletriptan (limited to 6 tablets per month)

- Lipid-Lowering Medications
 - *Lovastatin (removed from formulary)*
 - Fluvastatin
 - Tablet splitting required for atorvastatin and pravastatin
 - Fenofibrate



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- Antihistamines
 - Loratadine
 - ***Fexofenadine (removed from formulary)***
 - ***Cetirizine (removed from formulary)***

- Diabetes Medications
 - *Thiazolidinediones require prior authorization*
 - TrueTrack® blood glucose meter and strips are the only formulary blood glucose monitoring supplies. Need to obtain through the DME benefit at Walgreens Health Initiative.

- Gastrointestinal Medications
 - *All PPIs require prior authorization. Prilosec OTC is the preferred PPI.*
 - Helidac®
 - Lactulose
 - Miralax

- Anti-infectives
 - *Amoxicillin/clavulanate on formulary only for children 6 years of age or younger or if member has filled a prescription for a first-line antibiotic in the previous 30 days.*
 - ***Valacyclovir (removed from formulary)***

If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Campbell, Pharm.D., clinical pharmacist for University Physicians Health Plans, at (520)874-5238. Please refer to the website at www.mhpaz.com for the updated formulary.

If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact your Provider Relations Representative.

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