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Updates to CareFirst's Preferred Drug List

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A number of updates have been made to the CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield Preferred Drug List (Formulary). These changes are indicated below.

The following drugs will change from tier 2 (preferred drug) to tier 3 (non-preferred drug) which may result in a higher copay for members who are taking these medications.

Brand Name	Indication	Effective Date
Pentasa	for the treatment of bowel and colon disease	Immediately
Cytomel	for the treatment of thyroid disease	July 1, 2008
Ortho Evra	birth control patch	July 1, 2008
Provigil	for the treatment of narcolepsy	July 1, 2008
Welchol	for the treatment of high cholesterol	July 1, 2008

Prevacid (for the treatment of acid/stomach ulcers) was scheduled to move to tier 3 effective July 1, 2008. However, the generic product will not be available until 2009 so Prevacid will remain on Tier 2.

In addition, Quantity Level Limitations (QLL) have been added for Treximet (pain management/migraine agent) to 27 tabs per 34 days.

CareFirst's Preferred Drug List changes frequently, therefore, we encourage you to visit the Pharmacy section of www.carefirst.com/rx for the most current Preferred Drug List.

If you have any questions, please contact your Broker Sales Representative.



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