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Dear AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices (CHC) Provider,

The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) will implement changes to the statewide preferred drug list (PDL) on January 5, 2021.* As a reminder, DHS required all Medical Assistance managed care organizations (MCOs) in the physical health HealthChoices and Community HealthChoices plans to move to the mandated statewide PDL. As such:

- AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community CHC continues to adhere to the preferred and non-preferred status and list of drugs included in the statewide PDL.
 - Please see **Appendix A** for a list of drugs that will be changing formulary status for AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania CHC effective January 5, 2021.
- AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania CHC will continue to use the same prior authorization guidelines as required by DHS for drugs included in the statewide PDL.

***Important note: Please keep in mind that up until January 5, 2021, the current version of the statewide PDL is still in effect.**

Reminder:

- AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania CHC will maintain a list of preferred and non-preferred drugs in classes that are not included in the statewide PDL. This is called the Supplemental Formulary.
- Medication classes that are not included in the statewide PDL are reviewed and approved by the AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania CHC Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.
- The process for obtaining prior authorization process remains the same. For more information about prior authorization go to:
 - Phone – 1-888-674-8720
 - Fax – 1-855-851-4058
 - Online: www.amerihealthcaritaschc.com→Providers→Pharmacy Services.

Where can I see the changes?

The up-to-date PDL is available on DHS's Pharmacy site at: <https://papdl.com/>

If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania CHC Pharmacy Services at 1-888-674-8720.

Sincerely,



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Appendix A: Statewide PDL drugs changing from Preferred to Non-preferred effective January 5, 2021

Drug	Preferred alternative options*
Acne agents	
Azelex cream	Clindamycin-benzoyl peroxide 1.2%-5% gel (generic Duac, Neuc), adapalene-benzoyl peroxide 0.1%-2.5% gel pump (generic EpiDuo), Retin-A (brand) gel
Clindamycin-benzoyl peroxide 1%-5% gel, Differin 0.1% lotion	Adapalene-benzoyl peroxide 0.1%-2.5% gel pump (generic EpiDuo), Differin (brand) 0.1% gel, Retin-A (brand) gel
Claravis, Isotretinoin (generic) capsule	Amnesteem, Myorisan, Zenatane
Sulfacetamide sodium-sulfur 10%-5% cleanser	Sulfacetamide sodium-sulfur 8%-4% suspension or 9%-4.5% wash, adapalene-benzoyl peroxide 0.1%-2.5% gel pump (generic EpiDuo)
Other Topical agents	
Calcitriol ointment, Vectical ointment	Calcipotriene cream, ointment, solution
Sklice	Natroba, Permethrin 5% cream, Piperonyl Butoxide/Pyrethrins/Permethrin Kit (OTC) (Lice Solutions Kit)
Synera patch	Lidocaine cream, ointment, solution
Hematologic agents	
Aranesp, Mircera	Retacrit, Epogen
Udenyca	Fulphila
Other Injectable and Biologic agents	
Byetta, Bydureon	Ozempic, Trulicity, Victoza
Cosentyx	Enbrel, Humira, Taltz
Gel-one syringe, Hymovis syringe	Sodium hyaluronate (generic), Euflexxa, Hyalgan
Ophthalmic agents	
Acuvail	Ketorolac drops, Ilevro, Nevanac
Lotemax drops	Ketorolac drops, Lotemax ointment, prednisolone
Moxeza	Ciprofloxacin, Gentak, ofloxacin
Other agents	
Clorazepate dipotassium tablet	Chlordiazepoxide, diazepam, lorazepam
Diclegis	Bonjesta
Gengraf capsule, Sandimmune capsule	Cyclosporine capsule, cyclosporine (modified) softgel or solution
Didanosine DR capsule, Stavudine	Abacavir, lamivudine, zidovudine
Hemocytel Plus capsule	Virt-Gard
Hemocytel-F tablet	Ferrex 150 Forte, Folivane-F, Iferex
Hydrocodone-ibuprofen tablet	Hydrocodone-acetaminophen tablet, oxycodone-acetaminophen tablet
Savella	Duloxetine, gabapentin, pregabalin
Tirosint	Levothyroxine (generic), Levoxyl

***Not an all-inclusive list, and some drugs may be subject to additional limits.**

For a complete list of Preferred and Nonpreferred drugs to be included in the 2021 Statewide PDL, as well as any limits associated with these drugs, please visit <https://papdl.com>.