



November 1, 2013

Dear Provider:

In an ongoing effort to provide appropriate, affordable health care options to our members, Willamette Valley Community Health (WVCH) will be instituting modifications to our formulary effective January 1, 2014.

It is our goal to fully inform all members and providers well in advance of any changes. A separate notification will be sent to members to inform them of the upcoming changes. It will include WVCH Customer Service telephone number, should they have any questions or concerns. If you determine that the currently prescribed medication regimen is the most appropriate therapy for your patient, you may submit a prior authorization to request continued coverage.

**Specific drug change information affecting WVCH members:**

Redirection of most diabetic supplies to the WVCH high volume diabetic supply vendor, Byram Healthcare:

Byram has unique programs designed to increase adherence with testing and can ensure that your members do not forget to order supplies by making reminder calls frequently. For members that prefer to get their supplies from the local pharmacies, WVCH will cover the Abbott Freestyle and Precision diabetes supplies at local pharmacies. Byram will be working with pharmacies and providers to ensure that order forms are available to ease this transition. In addition, this transition has the potential for a significant net cost savings over the course of a year. A Byram order form is included for your convenience.

Additional Formulary Updates:

Affected Medication	Current status	Status on January 1, 2014
Diabetic test strips	Quantity limit of 3 strips per day for all members	Quantity limit will be removed for diabetic test strips for children under 18 years old.
Acetaminophen –Various strengths and forms	On formulary with no limits	Quantity limit of 4 gm per day of acetaminophen to align with the federal updates.
Hydrocodone/acetaminophen 5/325 Tablets	Non-formulary	Add to formulary to provide alternatives to support the 4 gm per day limits.
Doxycycline 100mg-capsules and tablets	On formulary with no limits	Quantity limit of 14 days of medication every 30 days to allow for treatment of infection, but discourage use for non-funded conditions, such as acne.
Doxycycline Extended Release- all strengths and forms	On formulary with no limits	Will be removed from formulary.
All growth hormones	Multiple brands on formulary with PA requirements	All but Genotropin will be removed, Genotropin will still require approval.



Supplementary formulary changes

Currently WVCH has a separate list of medications that are covered for members with Medicare as primary and WVCH as secondary. For these members WVCH is responsible for covering select cough and cold preparations, over-the-counter medications, and prescription vitamins. This list is being updated to align with Medicare and DMAP's condensed version. WVCH will still cover these types of medications, however in limited formulations and brands. Pharmacies and members will also be notified of this update. This does not affect members with WVCH primary.

<b>Covered Medications Effective 1/1/2014</b>
Pseudoephedrine 30mg tablets
Guaifenesin 600mg ER tablets
Mephyton 5mg tablets
Folic Acid 1mg tablet
Multivitamin (Adult)-All Currently covered Multivitamins with the exclusion of Pediatric and Chewable. Liquid Multivitamins will require a PA.
Cyanocobalamine (PA required)
Ketostix
Diphenhydramine 25mg capsules/tablets
Iron Sulfate 325mg tablets
Chlordiazepoxide 5mg, 10mg, 25mg tablets
Heparin sodium, porcine/PF vial
Normal saline for inhalation nebulizer solution
Fluoride tablets 0.55 (0.25 F) mg, 1.1 (0.5 F) mg, 2.2 (1 F) mg
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Thank you for your continued support. We value your partnership and will continue to work toward our mutual goal of delivering the highest quality health care while ensuring affordability, sustainability and accessibility. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please contact:

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