

May 15, 2011

Formulary Change: Lipitor Moving From Preferred to Non-Preferred

Dear Prescriber,

Effective **June 23, 2011** Lipitor® 10, 20 and 40 mg will change from preferred to non-preferred status and will require prior authorization for Passport Health Plan (PHP) members.

Current Lipitor® Prescriptions

- Members currently taking **Lipitor® 80mg** will be allowed to continue with their existing therapy.
- Please transition all PHP members currently receiving Lipitor® 10, 20, and 40 mg to one of the preferred drug list alternatives listed below. To assist with this transition, we have enclosed a list of PHP members on your panel who filled a prescription for Lipitor® from March 2011 through May 2011. These members have also received notice of this formulary change.

PHP believes many members may be adequately controlled on alternative statin drugs from our Preferred Drug List with a LDL lowering capacity similar to Lipitor®. We understand there may be medically necessary reasons for your patient to continue using Lipitor®. Therefore, we will consider prior authorization requests with appropriate medical justification to continue members on Lipitor® 10, 20, and 40 mg.

New Lipitor® Prescriptions

- New prescriptions written for Lipitor® 10, 20, or 40 mg after **June 23rd** will require prior authorization.

Preferred Drug List Alternatives:

- Simvastatin
- Pravastatin
- Lovastatin
- Lipitor® (Atorvastatin) 80mg
- Vytorin with step therapy

Non-Preferred Medications:

Note: These will require prior authorization.

- Advicor® (Niacin/Lovastatin)
- Altoprev® (Lovastatin-ER)
- Caduet® (Amlodipine/Atorvastatin)
- Crestor® (Rosuvastatin)
- Lescol® (Fluvastatin)
- Lescol® XL (Fluvastatin)
- Lipitor® (Atorvastatin) 10mg, 20mg, 40mg
- Simcor® (Niacin/Simvastatin)

If you have questions regarding this formulary change, please contact the Pharmacy department at (502) 585- 8249.

Sincerely,

Thea Rogers Pharm.D., BCPP

Thea Rogers, Pharm.D.
Pharmacy Director

Enclosure

©2009 Passport Health Plan PHA-09112

