
North Dakota Medicaid Pharmacy Program Quarterly News

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Welcome to the “North Dakota Medicaid Pharmacy Program Quarterly News,” a pharmacy newsletter presented by the North Dakota Department of Human Services and published by Health Information Designs, LLC. This newsletter is published as part of a continuing effort to keep the Medicaid provider community informed of important changes in the North Dakota Medicaid Pharmacy Program.

The North Dakota Department of Human Services has contracted with Health Information Designs, LLC (HID) to review and process prior authorizations (PAs) for medications. For a current list of medications requiring a PA, as well as the necessary forms and criteria, visit www.hidndmedicaid.com, or call HID at (866) 773-0695 to have this information faxed. An important feature on this website is the NDC Drug Lookup. This allows you to determine if a specific NDC is covered (effective date), reimbursement amount, MAC pricing, copay information, and any limitations (prior authorization or quantity limits).

This newsletter provides information regarding significant new dosage forms introduced in 2013. Also included is the top 25 drug list of second quarter 2013 by cost and claims count.

The North Dakota Medicaid Pharmacy Program team appreciates your comments and suggestions regarding this newsletter. To suggest topics for inclusion, or to make comments, please contact Health Information Designs, LLC at (334) 502-3262, call toll free at 1-800-225-6998, or e-mail us at info@hidinc.com.



Helpful Numbers

PA Help Desk 866-773-0695
To fax PAs 866-254-0761
To report adverse reactions 800-FDA-1088

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Significant New Dosage Forms - 2013

Brand/Generic	Description
Abilify Maintena (aripiprazole)	Extended-release injectable formulation for schizophrenia.
Aciphex Sprinkle (rabeprazole)	New 5mg and 10mg sprinkle (capsule) formulation for children with GERD.
Brisdelle (paroxetine)	New low-dose (7.5mg) capsule for menopausal hot flashes.
Delzicol (mesalamine)	Delayed-release capsule formulation for ulcerative colitis.
Diclegis (doxylamine/pyridoxine)	A combination antihistamine/vitamin B6 for pregnancy-related nausea and vomiting.
Karbinal ER (carbinoxamine)	Extended-release suspension formulation antihistamine.
Liptruzet (ezetimibe/atorvastatin)	New combination cholesterol absorption inhibitor and statin for hyperlipidemia.
Minastrin 24 FE (ethinyl estradiol/norethindrone/ferrous fumarate)	New capsule formulation oral contraceptive.
Nymalize (nimodipine)	New oral solution to improve neurological outcomes post subarachnoid hemorrhage.
Oxytrol for Women (oxybutynin)	New over-the-counter version of the oxybutynin patch for women with overactive bladder.
Procysbi (cysteamine bitartrate)	New delayed-release formulation for nephropathic cystinosis.
Quartette (levonorgestrel/ethinyl estradiol)	New 84-day extended cycle oral contraceptive with gradually increasing doses of estrogen.
Simbrinza (brinzolamide/brimonidine)	New ophthalmic combination formulation containing a carbonic anhydrase inhibitor and an alpha-2 agonist for glaucoma.
Sitavig (acyclovir)	New buccal tablet formulation for recurrent cold sores.
Skyla (levonorgestrel)	New progestin-containing intrauterine system for prevention of pregnancy for up to three years.
Suclear (PEG-3350 plus electrolytes)	New osmotic laxative for colon cleansing before colonoscopy.
TOBI Podhaler (tobramycin)	New oral inhalation powder formulation for cystic fibrosis patients with <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> .
Topicort (desoximetasone)	New topical spray formulation corticosteroid for plaque psoriasis.
Uceris (budesonide)	New oral extended-release tablets for ulcerative colitis.
Versacloz (clozapine)	New oral suspension formulation for schizophrenia.
Vituz (hydrocodone/chlorpheniramine)	New combination antitussive/antihistamine for cough and allergy or cold symptoms.
Zecuity (sumatriptan)	New iontophoretic transdermal system for acute treatment of

Top 25 Drugs for 2nd Quarter 2013

Top 25 Drugs by Number of Claims			Top 25 Drugs by Total Claims Cost		
Drug	Claims Count	Paid Amount	Drug	Claims Count	Paid Amount
HYDROCOD-APAP	4,762	\$62,620.12	ABILIFY	862	\$436,845.91
LORAZEPAM	3,975	\$31,765.19	METHYLPHENIDATE ER	2,324	\$331,220.25
AMOXICILLIN	3,534	\$39,247.52	SINGULAIR	1,974	\$293,619.18
AZITHROMYCIN	2,999	\$50,876.86	CYMBALTA	1,103	\$201,195.38
OMEPRAZOLE	2,893	\$43,570.77	VYVANSE	1,518	\$198,562.78
CLONAZEPAM	2,850	\$21,373.89	DEXTROAMPHETAMINE-AMPH	1,254	\$198,155.20
PROVENTIL HFA	2,593	\$135,256.25	ADVAIR DISKUS	722	\$171,225.16
METHYLPHENIDATE ER	2,324	\$331,220.25	PROVENTIL HFA	2,593	\$135,256.25
TRAMADOL HCL	2,065	\$25,013.94	NOVOLOG	510	\$127,138.99
LEVOTHYROXINE	2,051	\$22,750.17	LYRICA	707	\$125,850.22
SERTRALINE	2,017	\$19,082.05	INTUNIV	941	\$124,225.32
SINGULAIR	1,974	\$293,619.18	BUDESONIDE	520	\$120,554.35
FLUOXETINE HCL	1,867	\$13,568.11	FREESTYLE STRIPS	968	\$112,477.51
TRAZODONE HCL	1,712	\$12,560.08	STRATTERA	628	\$111,038.73
LISINOPRIL	1,683	\$13,720.80	SEROQUEL XR	307	\$101,069.89
ALPRAZOLAM	1,664	\$14,216.25	ENBREL	43	\$94,180.19
VYVANSE	1,518	\$198,562.78	LANTUS SO-LOSTAR	409	\$93,635.78
GABAPENTIN	1,422	\$37,929.62	METADATE CD	572	\$88,658.86
ZOLPIDEM TARTRATE	1,415	\$11,501.07	ENOXAPARIN	102	\$86,340.43
RISPERIDONE	1,387	\$18,524.76	OLANZAPINE	379	\$79,720.79
CYCLOBENZAPRINE	1,364	\$11,137.49	HELIXATE FS	3	\$78,630.30
CLONIDINE HCL	1,359	\$10,825.91	LEVEMIR	313	\$77,983.35
SULFAMETHOXTRIMETHOPRIM	1,339	\$15,243.90	INVEGA	127	\$77,768.61
METFORMIN HCL	1,315	\$14,209.03	ESCITALOPRAM	879	\$77,062.83
BUPROPION XL	1,298	\$36,161.46	INVEGA SUSTENNA	58	\$74,442.72
TOTAL TOP 25 BY CLAIMS COUNT	53,380	\$1,484,557.45	TOTAL TOP 25 BY CLAIMS COST	19,816	\$3,616,858.98



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