



August 25, 2011

Dear Provider:

As your health care partner, Fidelis Care would like to inform you about the key upcoming changes in medication coverage for your patients that will take place as of October 1, 2011.

As you have been notified from New York State Department of Health, effective October 1, 2011, the pharmacy benefit of your patients enrolled in New York Medicaid and Family Health Plus will be changing to their managed care health plans, such as Fidelis Care. Going forward, both medical and drug benefits of your patients will be covered by the same Plan. Beneficiaries will be issued new identification cards by Fidelis Care and will be instructed to present their new card at the pharmacy. The card swipe requirement will no longer apply to managed care beneficiaries. There will be no change in beneficiary drug co-pay amounts.

Please be advised that as of **October 1, 2011**, Fidelis Care pharmacy benefit will require the members to use the Fidelis Care Formulary, which is not the same as NYS Medicaid fee-for-service list of covered drugs. The Fidelis Care Formulary was created with a focus on quality using an evidence based approach and considerations for cost only if products are therapeutically equivalent. Below is a partial list of the commonly prescribed medications that are not on the Fidelis Care formulary along with suggested alternatives. For a complete list including changes impacting key subspecialties, please refer to the Fidelis Care website www.fideliscare.org.

Therapeutic Category	Drug(s) NOT Covered after October 1, 2011	Covered Therapeutic Alternatives
HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors (HMGs)	Lipitor [®] 10mg, 20mg	Lovastatin, Pravastatin, Simvastatin
Angiotensin II Receptor Blocker (ARBs)	Diovan [®] , Diovan HCT [®]	Losartan, Losartan HCT, ACE Inhibitors
Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs)	Nexium [®]	Prilosec OTC, Prevacid OTC, Omeprazole, Pantoprazole

Members affected by any formulary change are being notified by Fidelis Care, and are being given a one 30-day transitional fill between October 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011. Fidelis Care is advising our members to discuss their current prescriptions and the covered therapeutic alternatives with their providers in order to transition to a medication covered under the Fidelis Care Formulary.

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As you know, Fidelis does not cover certain family planning and reproductive health services, such as abortion, sterilization and prescription birth control. New York State requires us to inform you that Medicaid members can use their Medicaid card to get these services from any doctor, clinic, or drug store that accepts Medicaid. Family Health Plus members can use their Family Health Plus card to get these services from any doctor, clinic, or drug store that accepts Medicaid. Providers will bill New York State directly using the member's Client Identification Number (CIN).

For more information on the Fidelis Care Formulary, please visit our Web site at www.fideliscare.org, or contact our Provider Services Department at 1-888-FIDELIS (1-888-343-3547).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. We look forward to our continued partnership as we provide our members and your patients with quality, cost-effective care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SShah", is placed above the typed name.

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