



Review of Generics First program

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Agenda

- Review of Generics First for New Starts
- Continue Generics First Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitors (ACEI)

What is Generics First?

'Generics First' =

Preferred generic products required as the first course of therapy for new starts (patient is **treatment naïve** to the products in the drug class) **within a PDL drug class** that has been reviewed by P&T committee and **determined by the DUR Board** to be appropriate for application of generics first limitations.

Generics First is not?

Generics First policy

- Is not a 'generics only formulary'
- Is not a requirement that Medicaid clients receive only generic products
- Only applies to PDL drug classes
- Does not apply to treatment experienced clients

Generics First principles

Generics First works because

- Generic drugs are have been determined to be interchangeable with their originator brand counterpart
- The DUR board has found the available products in some drug classes to be therapeutically equivalent to a degree that any product in the class can be assumed to be equally effective for the majority of the treatment naive population.
- Pharmacists already have the authority to interchange

Generics First for New Starts

Generics First policies originally approved by the DUR Board in 2009.

- For a patient's first course of treatment (treatment naïve within the drug class) the agency requires that a preferred generic drug be used before any branded or non-preferred agents.
- Applies equally to endorsing and non-endorsing practitioners. Endorser DAW will not override but will allow Prior Authorization.
- Currently applied to 13 drug classes.
- RCW 69.41.190(2)(c)(ii) requires the agency to have DUR Board approval to apply generics first in a PDL class.

Generics First process

- Pharmacy claim system checks six months history
- New starts reject with list of preferred generics
- Prescribed DAW by endorser receives PA message
- Pharmacy may contact to indicate 'not new start'
- If drug not changed, endorser prescribers will be contacted for explanation of medical necessity

Generics First classes

- Ace Inhibitor
- Atypical antipsychotics
- ADHD
- Beta blockers
- Long-acting opioids
- Nasal corticosteroids
- Newer antihistamines
- Newer sedative/hypnotics
- NSAIDs
- PPI
- Second Generation Antidepressants
- Skeletal Muscle Relaxants
- Statins

Today's discussion

- Current GF classes for review
 - ACE Inhibitors
- Preferred ACE Inhibitors
 - benazepril
 - captopril
 - enalapril
 - lisinopril
 - ramipril

ACEI Generic First Policy

No authorization criteria other than non-preferred status is currently in place.

- Board may consider continuation or removal of Generics First for New Starts policies
- Board may consider other restrictions per class review
- Agency recommends continuation of current GF policy

Generics First

Stakeholder comment and DUR Board member discussion

Generics First - Motions

Potential Motion:

I move the Medicaid Fee-for-Service program [does/does not] require the use of a preferred generic product as a patient's first course of therapy in the archived ACE Inhibitor class. Dispense as written by an endorsing practitioner should not override this requirement without prior authorization.

Questions?

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