



**Washington State Health Care Authority
Prescription Drug Program**

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Dear Interested Party,

Based on recommendations by the Washington State Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, the Health Care Authority (Medicaid/Uniform Medical Plan) and the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) have named the following drugs as preferred in their respective therapeutic classes on the Washington State Preferred Drug List (PDL), effective January 1, 2017:

Newer Anticoagulant Drugs reviewed 6/15/2016		Agency Coverage		
Ingredient Name	Label Name of Preferred Product	L&I	Medicaid	UMP
apixaban	Eliquis [®] tablet	No	PA Required	Yes
dabigatran etexilate mesylate	Pradaxa [®] capsule	No	PA Required	Yes
The effect of this recommendation is no change to the PDL.				

MS Drugs reviewed 6/15/2016		Agency Coverage		
Ingredient Name	Label Name of Preferred Product	L&I	Medicaid	UMP
dimethyl fumarate	Tecfidera [®] capsule	No	Yes	Yes
	Tecfidera Starter Pack [®] capsule	No	Yes	Yes
fingolimod HCL	Gilenya [®] capsule	No	Yes	Yes
glatiramer acetate	Copaxone [®] kit (40mg)	No	Yes	Yes
	Copaxone [®] solution (40mg)	No	Yes	Yes
	Glatopa [®] solution	No	Yes	Yes
interferon beta-1A	Avonex [®] kit	No	Yes	Yes
	Avonex Pen [®] kit	No	Yes	Yes
interferon beta-1B	Betaseron [®] kit	No	Yes	Yes
	Betaseron [®] solution	No	Yes	Yes
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Each agency will use the common PDL according to its benefit structure. You may view the current PDL at: <http://hca.wa.gov/about-hca/prescription-drug-program/reports>.

If you have other questions or comments regarding this announcement, please contact Leta Evaskus at (206) 521-2029 or by email at leta.evaskus@hca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ray Hanley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R" and "H".

Ray Hanley
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