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ADVISORY

In an effort to give timely notice to the pharmacy community concerning important pharmacy topics, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's (DHMH) Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program (MMPP) has developed the Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program Advisory. To expedite information timely to the pharmacy and prescriber communities, an email network has been established which incorporates the email lists of the Maryland Pharmacists Association, EPIC, CARE, Long Term Care Consultants, headquarters of all chain drugstores and prescriber associations and organizations. It is our hope that the information is disseminated to all interested parties. If you have not received this email through any of the previously noted parties or via DHMH, please contact the MMPP representative at 410-767-1455.

Quantity Limits Update

The Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program (MMPP) is updating its Quantity Limits (QLs) list. A quantity limit is the maximum amount of a drug covered over a certain period of time. Typically, quantity limits are in place to encourage appropriate drug use and contain drug costs. These limits are based on FDA approved labeling and evidence-based guidelines that are in line with best practice standards.

Effective June 10, 2014, the following medications have been added to the QLs' list with a limit of 2 (two) inhalers/month.

MAXAIR AUTOHALER 0.2 MG AERO
PROAIR HFA 90 MCG INHALER
PROVENTIL HFA 90 MCG INHALER
VENTOLIN HFA 90 MCG INHALER
XOPENEX HFA 45 MCG INHALER

For complete list of the QLs, please visit the MMPP webpage at:

<https://mmcp.dhmh.maryland.gov/pap/docs/QL.pdf>