



WEST VIRGINIA MEDICAID
DRUG UTILIZATION REVIEW PROGRAM

October 9, 2008

Prescriber Name
Address
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Dear Prescriber:

As of November 1, 2008 generic divalproex sodium enteric coated (brand name Depakote®) will be a preferred agent on the West Virginia Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL). As of January 1, 2009 generic oxcarbazepine (brand name Trileptal®) will be a preferred agent. Brand name Depakote® and Trileptal® will be non-preferred. The preferred status of divalproex sodium extended release (Depakote® ER) is not affected at this time since no generic for Depakote® ER is currently available.

All patients currently taking the branded products Depakote® and Trileptal® for the treatment of seizure disorders may continue on these branded agents, if clinically indicated, as long as prescriptions are written with the statement "Brand Medically Necessary" on the prescription. Pharmacists will be able to call the prior authorization help desk and dispense the brand as long as the prescription states "Brand Medically Necessary."

If you feel it is clinically indicated for some of your patients being treated for a seizure disorder to continue taking the brand named products, then prescriptions must be written with the statement "Brand Medically Necessary" in the prescriber's handwriting.

Below are patients with recent claims for divalproex sodium (Depakote®) or oxcarbazepine (Trileptal®) submitted with your prescriber identification number. The patients listed all have a diagnosis in the West Virginia Medicaid database of a seizure disorder. In order for these patients to continue on the branded products if clinically indicated, prescriptions must be written with the statement "Brand Medically Necessary" in the prescriber's handwriting.

Patient Name	Drug
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Thank you for your cooperation with regard to this manner and for helping us to provide safe and effective drug therapy for the West Virginia Medicaid population.

Sincerely,

W. Murray Yarbrough, M.D.
Medical Director