



All Providers

Indiana Health Coverage Programs and First Steps Web Sites Update

The following items have been posted to the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) or First Steps (FS) Web sites. Subscribers to the IHCP E-mail Notifications program were advised of these updates by e-mail on April 5, 2006.

- The revised *Indiana's Early Intervention Personnel Guide (March 2006)* has been posted to the First Steps Web site at <https://www.infirststeps.com/matrix/docs/enrollment.asp>.
- An announcement from the OMPP regarding *Albuterol Inhalers, PDL Status (Effective April 3, 2006)* is available on the *Pharmacy Services* page of the IHCP Web site at <http://www.indianamedicaid.com/ihcp/PharmacyServices/news.asp>.
- The *270/271, 276.277, 837D, 837I, 837P Companion Guides* have been updated to include NPI, COBA, and First Steps information and are available on the IHCP Web site at http://www.indianamedicaid.com/ihcp/TradingPartner/tp_companion_guides.asp.
- The *Indiana Health Coverage Programs Quick Reference* has been updated and is available on the IHCP Web site at http://www.indianamedicaid.com/ihcp/Misc_PDF/Quick_Reference.pdf.
- The *2006 Second Quarter Provider Workshop* schedule along with the *Provider Workshop Registration* form is posted on the IHCP Web site at <http://www.indianamedicaid.com/ihcp/ProviderServices/workshops.asp>.
- *What's New for EDI Vendors* has been updated on the IHCP Web site at <http://www.indianamedicaid.com/ihcp/TradingPartner/pdf/WhatsNewVendors.pdf>.
- The revised *Medicare Payer ID* document is available from the IHCP Web site at <https://interchange.indianamedicaid.com/Help/PayerInfoHelp.asp>.

IHCP E-Mail Notifications Program

On January 17, 2006, EDS and the IHCP launched the IHCP E-Mail Notifications program. This program automatically issues e-mails to subscribers when IHCP publications and announcements are posted to the IHCP Web site.

This service is **free** and available to both providers and non-providers. It is possible to have multiple subscriptions to provide notifications at office, home, or to other e-mail addresses for associates and staff. To subscribe to the service, visit the IHCP Web site at http://www.indianamedicaid.com/ihcp/mailing_list/default.asp.

On the *IHCP E-mail Notifications* page, click the **Open New Account** button, complete the profile information, and select the publications for e-mail notifications. You will receive a *Subscription Request* e-mail with instructions and a link to activate your subscription. You must follow the link in the e-mail to activate your registration. Once your subscription is activated you will receive a *Welcome!* e-mail to verify the activation. You may subscribe or unsubscribe at any time. Each notification e-mail contains a link for updating your subscription profile or unsubscribing to the service.

Publications are posted to the Web site on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week. For a period of time *both* e-mail notifications and paper copies of the publications will be provided.

Pharmacies and Prescribing Providers

Albuterol Inhalers, PDL Status

In response to reports of sporadic supply problems associated with albuterol metered dose inhalers, effective Monday, April 3, 2006, the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) made the following changes to the *Indiana Medicaid Preferred Drug List* (PDL):

- Proventil HFA inhaler moved from non-preferred to preferred.
- Ventolin HFA inhaler moved from non-preferred to preferred.
- Xopenex HFA inhaler moved from non-preferred to preferred.

Existing quantity limits that currently apply to albuterol inhalers also apply to these products.

For current information related to the albuterol inhaler shortage refer to the *Drug Shortages* page of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Web site at <http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/shortages/default.htm>.

Contact Information: Direct prior authorization (PA) requests and questions about the PDL to the ACS Clinical Call Center at 1-866-879-0106.

Direct questions about this bulletin to EDS Customer Assistance at (317) 655-3240, in the Indianapolis local area, or 1-800-577-1278. Option 1 is for pharmacy.

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage – Medicare Part D

Effective January 1, 2006, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) implemented the new Medicare prescription drug coverage, also known as Medicare Part D. This coverage is a new benefit to help Medicare members pay for prescription drugs.

The IHCP Web site includes a section titled *Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage*. Providers should visit this section periodically at <http://www.indianamedicaid.com/ihcp/ProviderServices/MedicareD.asp> for the latest information.

For more information about the Medicare prescription drug benefit, visit the CMS Web site at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovGenIn/>.

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