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Nicotine Products Now on OTC Coverage List

The following **Nicotine products** have been added to the list of covered OTC Medications.

OTC Medication Name and Strength	NDC	MFG	Effective Date of Coverage
Nicoderm CQ 7mg/24hours (14)	00766-1470-12	GSK	7/20/2005
Nicoderm CQ 14mg/24hours (14)	00766-1430-20	GSK	7/20/2005
Nicoderm CQ 21mg/24hours (7)	00766-1450-10	GSK	7/20/2005
Nicoderm CQ 21mg/24hours (14)	00766-1450-20	GSK	7/20/2005
Nicotrol 15mg/16hrs (7)	00045-0602-08	GSK	7/20/2005
Nicotrol 15mg/16hrs (7)	00009-5197-02	GSK	7/20/2005
Commit 2mg	00135-0208-01	GSK	7/20/2005
Commit 2mg	00135-0208-03	GSK	7/20/2005
Commit 4 mg	00135-0209-01	GSK	7/20/2005
Commit 4 mg	00135-0209-03	GSK	7/20/2005
Nicorette Gum 2mg (48)	00766-0045-45	GSK	7/20/2005
Nicorette Gum 2mg (48)	00766-0043-60	GSK	7/20/2005
Nicorette Gum 2mg (108)	00766-0045-08	GSK	7/20/2005
Nicorette Gum 2mg (168)	00766-0045-60	GSK	8/17/2005
Nicorette Gum 4mg (48)	00766-0047-48	GSK	7/20/2005
Nicorette Gum 4mg (108)	00766-0047-08	GSK	7/20/2005
Nicorette Gum 4mg (168)	00766-0047-60	GSK	7/20/2005

Non-Drug Deletions from Drug File

In accordance with previously released CMS state faxes and as part of their continuing effort to remove non-drug items from the Medicaid Drug Rebate (MDR) system, the following products will be deleted from the MDR Master file and the North Carolina drug file as covered outpatient drugs effective July 1, 2005. The products are as follows:

00338-8017-77 Sodium Chloride 0.9% Syringe
 00338-8019-70 Sodium Chloride 0.9% Syringe
 00338-8020-72 Sodium Chloride 0.9% Syringe
 00338-8021-79 Sodium Chloride 0.9% Syringe
 00338-8302-69 Sodium Chloride 0.9% Syringe
 00338-8303-70 Sodium Chloride 0.9% Syringe
 00338-8303-72 Sodium Chloride 0.9% Syringe
 00074-1812-22 Sodium Chloride 0.9% Syr P/F
 00074-1918-32 Sodium Chloride 0.9% Syringe
 00074-1918-33 Sodium Chloride 0.9% Syringe
 00074-1918-35 Sodium Chloride 0.9% Syringe
 00074-5365-05 Sodium Chloride 0.9% Flush
 00074-5365-10 Sodium Chloride 0.9% Flush
 00409-1918-33 Sodium Chloride 0.9% Syringe

Changes in Drug Rebate Manufacturers

Additions

The following labelers have entered into Drug Rebate Agreements and joined the rebate program effective on the dates indicated below:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Manufacturer</i>	<i>Date</i>
10922	Intendis, Inc.	August 1, 2005
12948	NitroMed, Inc.	August 1, 2005
13533	Talecris Biotherapeutics, Inc.	July 21, 2005
13813	Depomed, Inc.	July 27, 2005
67817	Oncology Therapeutics Network Joint Venture, L.P.	July 5, 2005
68382	Zydus Pharmaceutical (USA) Inc.	July 7, 2005
68817	American Pharmaceutical Partners, Inc.	July 1, 2005
68968	JDS Pharmaceutical LLC	July 27, 2005

Terminated Labelers

The following labeler code was voluntarily terminated effective July 1, 2005:

Dex Gen Pharmaceuticals (labeler code 65430).

Terminated Labelers (cont.)

The following labeler codes are being voluntarily terminated effective October 1, 2005:

Lifecycle Ventures, Inc. (labeler code 65939); and,
Praecis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (labeler code 68158).

The following labeler codes are being terminated effective October 1, 2005:

Novartis Consumer Health, Inc. (labeler code 00043);
Marlex Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (labeler code 10135);
Gil Pharmaceutical Corp. (labeler code 58552);
Iyata Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (labeler code 59291); and,
Shire US, Inc. (labeler code 59441).

Reinstated Labelers

Ranbaxy Laboratories Inc. (labeler code 10631) has signed a new rebate agreement with a mandatory coverage effective date of 10/01/2005. There is no optional coverage date for this reinstated labeler.

Optics Laboratory, Inc. (labeler code 64108) has also been reinstated with an 8/03/2005 effective date.

NCLeads Update

Information related to the implementation of the new Medicaid Management Information System, *NCLeads*, scheduled for implementation in mid-2006 can be found online at <http://ncleads.dhhs.state.nc.us>. Please refer to this website for information, updates, and contact information related to the *NCLeads* system.

North Carolina Medicaid Upper Limits

North Carolina Medicaid will begin instituting upper limits on certain medications based on the FDA approved dosage limit per day. This will limit the number of dosage units per script that can be dispensed at one time. This is in line with other healthcare providers. The following upper limits for Actiq, Fosamax and the triptans are based on a month's supply:

Drug Description	Upper Limit
ACTIQ LOZENGES	136
AMERGE 1 MG TABLET	23
AMERGE 2.5 MG TABLET	9 (1 pack)
AXERT 12.5 MG TABLET	8
AXERT 6.25 MG TABLET	16
FOSAMAX 70MG	12
FROVA 2.5 MG TABLET	12
IMITREX 100 MG TABLET	9
IMITREX 20 MG NASAL SPRAY	9
IMITREX 25 MG TABLET	36
IMITREX 5 MG NASAL SPRAY	36
IMITREX 50 MG TABLET	18
IMITREX 6 MG/0.5 ML SYRNG KI	4 (8 injections)
IMITREX 6 MG/0.5 ML VIAL	5ml (10 injections)
MAXALT 10 MG TABLET	12
MAXALT 5 MG TABLET	24
MAXALT MLT 10 MG TABLET	12
MAXALT MLT 5 MG TABLET	24
RELPAK 20 MG TABLET	16
RELPAK 40 MG TABLET	8
ZOMIG 2.5 MG TABLET	16
ZOMIG 5 MG NASAL SPRAY	8
ZOMIG 5 MG TABLET	8
ZOMIG ZMT 2.5 MG TABLET	16
ZOMIG ZMT 5 MG TABLET	8

Medicaid Family Planning Waiver Training Schedule

On October 1, 2005, the N.C. Medicaid program will implement the new Family Planning Waiver program. The program is designed to reduce unintended pregnancies and to improve the well being of children and families in North Carolina by providing family planning services to eligible men and women.

Training on the Waiver program is scheduled for September 2005 and will focus on recipient eligibility, covered services, and billing for family planning services covered through the Waiver program. **This change will impact pharmacy providers.** Contraceptives, certain antibiotics and pain medications will be covered as part of this waiver.

Preregistration for the training is required. Due to limited seating, registration is limited to two staff members per office. Unregistered providers are welcome to attend if space is available. Lunch will not be provided at the training.

Providers may register for the training by completing and submitting the registration form online @ <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dma/provsem.htm>.

Providers may choose to attend either the morning session or the afternoon session. The morning session registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the program is from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The afternoon session registration begins at 1:00 p.m. and the program is from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Please indicate on the registration form the session you plan to attend.

Providers must print the PDF version of the August 2005 Special Bulletin xxx, *Medicaid Family Planning Waiver Program* from DMA's website at <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dma/bulletin.htm> and bring it to the training.

Land Locations

Thursday, September 1, 2005 McKimmon Center 1101 Gorman S. Raleigh, NC	Wednesday, September 7, 2005 Bo Thomas Auditorium Blue Ridge Community College Flat Rock, NC
Thursday, September 8, 2005 Holiday Inn Conference Center 530 Jake Alexander Blvd.S. Salisbury, NC	Thursday, September 22, 2005 Greenville Hilton 207 SW Greenville Blvd. Greenville, NC

Teleconference Locations

The teleconference is accessible from each of the sites listed below on **Wednesday, September 21, 2005** and **Wednesday, September 28, 2005**.

Albemarle Regional Health Services 711 Roanoke Avenue Elizabeth City, NC	Cooper Building 225 N. McDowell St. Ground Floor Raleigh, NC	Jackson County Health Department Community Services Building 538 Scotts Creek Road, Suite 100 Sylva, NC
Catawba County Health Department 3070 11 th Avenue Drive SE Hickory, NC	Cumberland County Health Department E. Newton Smith Public Health Center 227 Fountainhead Ln. Fayetteville, NC	Wilson County Health Department 1801 Glendale Drive Wilson, NC

Directions to the Medicaid Family Planning Waiver Land Training

Jane S. Mckimmon Center – Raleigh

Traveling East on I-40

Take exit 295 on turn left onto Gorman Street. Travel approximately one mile. The Mckimmon Center is located on the right corner of Gorman Street and Western Boulevard.

Traveling West on I-40

Take exit 295 and turn right onto Gorman Street. Travel approximately one mile. The Mckimmon Center is located on the right before you reach Western Boulevard.

Blue Ridge Community College, Bo Thomas Auditorium – Flat Rock, North Carolina

Take I-40 to Asheville. Travel east on I-26 to exit 22. Turn right and then take the next right. Follow the signs to Blue Ridge Community College. Turn left at the large Blue Ridge Community College sign. The college is located on the right. Take the right-hand turn into the parking lot for the Bo Thomas Auditorium

Holiday Inn Conference Center-Salisbury, North Carolina

Traveling South on I-85

Take exit 75. Turn right onto Jake Alexander Boulevard. Travel approximately ½ mile. The Holiday Inn is located on the right.

Traveling North on I-85

Take exit 75. Turn left onto Jake Alexander Boulevard. Travel approximately ½ mile. The Holiday Inn is located on the right.

Hilton Hotel- Greenville, North Carolina

Take Highway 264 east to Greenville. Turn right onto Allen Road in Greenville. Travel approximately 2 mile. Allen Road becomes Greenville Boulevard/Alternate 264. Follow Greenville Boulevard for 2 ½ miles to the Hilton Greenville, which is located on the right.

Directions to the Medicaid Family Planning Waiver Teleconference Training

(Maps and directions can also be accessed online at <http://www.sph.unc.edu/phtin/locations/index.cfm>.)

Albemarle Regional Health Services-Elizabeth City

Take US 17 South to Elizabeth City. Take US 17 Business (Ehringhaus Street) to Halstead Blvd. (beside Burger King). Turn right on Halstead Boulevard and travel approximately ¾ miles to Roanoke Ave. The Albemarle Regional Health Services building is located on the right.

Catawba County Health Dept.-Hickory

Take I-40 to Hickory. Take Exit 128 onto Fairgrove Church Street. Travel approximately ¾ miles to the second stoplight. Turn left onto Eleventh Ave Drive. The Catawba County Health Dept is located on the right just past the Catawba Memorial Hospital. Parking is available in the first parking lot in front of the building. Teleconference room 117 is located at the end of the first hallway on the right.

Cooper Building-Building

Traveling East on I-40

Take I-40 into Raleigh. After the Harrison Boulevard exit, get into the right-hand lane and follow the signs for Wade Avenue. Follow Wade Avenue until it ends at Capital Boulevard. Exit to the right onto Capital Boulevard. Capital Boulevard becomes Dawson Street. Stay in the left lane and continue around the curve to the second stoplight. Turn left onto Jones Street. Travel one block and then turn left onto McDowell Street. The visitor's parking lot is located on the right just past the intersection of McDowell Street and Lane Street. The Cooper Building is located on the corner of McDowell Street and Lane Street adjacent to the parking deck.

Traveling West on I-40

Take I-440 Beltline to exit 289, Wade Avenue. Turn right at the bottom of the exit ramp. Follow Wade Avenue until it ends at Capital Boulevard. Exit to the right onto Capital Boulevard. Capital Boulevard becomes Dawson Street. Stay in the left lane and continue around the curve to the second stoplight. Turn left onto Jones Street. Travel one block and then turn left onto McDowell Street. The visitor's parking lot is located on the right just past the intersection of McDowell Street and Lane Street. The Cooper Building is located on the corner of McDowell Street and Lane Street adjacent to the parking deck.

E. Newton Smith Public Health Center, Cumberland County Health Department- Fayetteville

Traveling South on I-95

Take I-95 south to Fayetteville. Near Fayetteville, bear right onto I-95-Business/ US 301 Business. Travel on I-95 Business/US 301 Business to E. Russell Street (third stoplight). Turn right onto E. Russell Street and follow it to the end. Turn left onto McIver Street. Bear right onto McGilvary Street. Turn right at the first street to the right onto Fountainhead lane. The Public Health Center is the four-story, tan building on the right.

Traveling North on I-95

Take I-95 north to I-95 Business. Turn left onto Gillespie Street. Turn left onto W. Russell Street and follow it to the end. Turn left onto McIver Street. Bear right onto McGilvary Street. Turn right at the first street to the right onto Fountainhead Lane. The Public Health Center is the four-story, tan building on the right.

Community Services Building, Jackson County Health Department –Sylva

From Asheville, take I-40 west to Waynesville. From Waynesville, take US 19/US 23 South /US 74 West to Sylva. Take exit 78. Travel approximately 3 miles to Harris Regional Hospital and turn right. Travel approximately ½ miles to the Community Services Building on the right. The teleconference center is located in the brown colonial-style modular unit beside the main building.

Wilson County Health Department- Wilson

Take US 264 east to Wilson. After crossing I-95, turn at the third stoplight onto Forest Hill Road. Turn left at the second stoplight onto Tarboro Street. Turn right at the first stoplight onto Glendale Drive. The Wilson County Health Department is located immediately after the next stoplight. Turn into the second drive after the stoplight. Enter the building through the doors under the blue awning. The teleconference room is located on the right.

Registration Form for the Medicaid Family Planning Waiver Training
(cut and return registration form only)

Medicaid Family Planning Waiver
Training Registration
(No Fee)

Provider Name _____ Provider Number _____
Address _____
City, Zip Code _____ County _____
Contact Person _____ E-mail Address _____
Telephone Number(____) _____ Fax Number (____) _____
1 or 2 (circle one) person(s) will attend the training at _____ on _____
(location) (date)

Check the session(s) to indicate the training session (s) you will be attending:

Morning Session

Afternoon Session

If the afternoon session (1:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m.) has less than 25 providers, then you may be registered for the morning session (9:00a.m.-12:00 noon). Providers will be notified via phone if registration is changed.

Return to: Provider Services
 EDS
 P.O. Box 300009
 Raleigh, NC 27622

Checkwrite Schedule

August 02, 2005	September 7, 2005	October 11, 2005
August 09, 2005	September 13, 2005	October 18, 2005
August 16, 2005	September 20, 2005	October 27, 2005
August 25, 2005	September 29, 2005	

Electronic Cut-Off Schedule

July 29, 2005	September 2, 2005	October 7, 2005
August 5, 2005	September 9, 2005	October 14, 2005
August 12, 2005	September 16, 2005	October 21, 2005
August 19, 2005	September 23, 2005	

Electronic claims must be transmitted and completed by 5:00 p.m. on the cut-off date to be included in the next checkwrite. Any claims transmitted after 5:00 p.m. will be processed on the second checkwrite following the transmission date. POS claims must be transmitted and completed by 12:00 midnight on the day prior to the electronic cut-off date to be included in the next checkwrite.



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