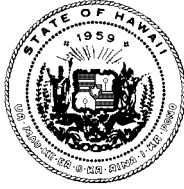


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To: All Medicaid Physicians, Dentists, Other Providers with Prescribing Authority and Pharmacy Providers

From: Aileen Hiramatsu, Med-QUEST Administrator

Re: Preferred Drug List: Coreg For Diagnosis of Congestive Heart Failure

In January, we notified you that the State of Hawaii Medicaid Fee-For-Service program for the aged, blind and disabled would be implementing on February 17, 2004, Phase I of the Preferred Drug List and Enhanced Prior Authorization list. Coreg[®] was listed as a drug that will be available without prior authorization when the recipient's diagnosis is Congestive Heart Failure (CHF).

Pharmacy providers who submit a Coreg[®] claim through their point-of-sale software will be able to enter the ICD9 code of 428.0 through 428.9 once the recipient's diagnosis is confirmed with the Prescriber and documented on the prescription. Paper claims submitted with the appropriate diagnosis code will also be processed without a prior authorization. Completing an 1144B form will not be required when the recipient's diagnosis is CHF and the appropriate ICD9 code is provided when submitting a Coreg[®] claim.

If the diagnosis is not CHF, the prescriber and pharmacy must work together to complete an 1144B form before faxing or mailing it to the Hawaii Prior Authorization (PA) Desk at the following:

Fax:
888-335-8474

Mail:
ACS State Healthcare
Attention: Hawaii PA Desk
Northridge Center One
365 Northridge Road, Suite 400
Atlanta, GA 30350