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## Special Bulletin: Recent Updates to Florida Medicaid Formulary That May Affect HIV-infected Patients

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The following summarizes selected recent changes to the Florida/Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL) that may affect your HIV-infected clients. The summary of the recent changes can be found on the Florida Medicaid's website at [http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/Prescribed\\_Drug/pharm\\_thera/pdf/pdl\\_changes\\_summary\\_102208\\_meeting.pdf](http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/Prescribed_Drug/pharm_thera/pdf/pdl_changes_summary_102208_meeting.pdf). The complete Florida/Medicaid Preferred Drug List is available online at [http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/Prescribed\\_Drug/pharm\\_thera/pdf/fmpdl.pdf](http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/Prescribed_Drug/pharm_thera/pdf/fmpdl.pdf).

### Statins

- The following statin-containing products were **removed** from the PDL
  - Advicor<sup>®</sup> (lovastatin/niacin), Caduet<sup>®</sup> (atorvastatin/amlodipine), Lipitor<sup>®</sup> (atorvastatin), Vytorin<sup>®</sup> (simvastatin/ezetimibe)
- The following statin-containing products **remain on** the PDL or were recently added
  - Lovastatin, pravastatin, simvastatin, Crestor<sup>®</sup> (rosuvastatin), Lescol<sup>®</sup> (fluvastatin), Lescol XL<sup>®</sup> (fluvastatin), Altoprev (lovastatin extended release), Simcor<sup>®</sup> (simvastatin/niacin)
- Caution: You may have pharmacies ask you to change your patient to a product containing simvastatin or lovastatin which are not recommended for use with many antiretroviral medications.
- Drug-drug interactions must be taken into consideration when initiating or switching statin therapy. The following is a link to a slide set that summarizes the drug-drug interaction studies between PIs and NNRTIs and statins. ([View Slides](#) | [View PDF](#))
- Please also note that the statins are not equivalent on a mg/mg basis and this must be taken into consideration when switching among agents.
- Please go to the following link for an [AETC Tool on Management of Dyslipidemia & HIV](#)

### Oral Antifungals

- The following oral antifungals **remain on** the PDL
  - Clotrimazole, fluconazole, ketoconazole, nystatin, terbinafine, Gris-Peg<sup>®</sup> (griseofulvin)

- Itraconazole was **removed** from the PDL and Vfend<sup>®</sup> (voriconazole) and Noxafil (posaconazole) **remain off** of the PDL
  - Complete this linked [prior authorization form for Vfend<sup>®</sup>](#)
  - Complete this linked [prior authorization form for itraconazole](#)

### Intranasal Steroids

- The following intranasal steroids **remain on** the PDL
  - Nasonex<sup>®</sup> (mometasone), Nasarel<sup>®</sup> (flunisolide, Note: Generic not covered)
- Nasacort AQ<sup>®</sup> (triamcinolone) was **added** to PDL
- The following intranasal steroids **remain off** the PDL
  - Beconase AQ<sup>®</sup> (beclomethasone), flunisolide, fluticasone, Rhinocort<sup>®</sup> (budesonide)
- Note: Due to a significant drug interaction with ritonavir, fluticasone-containing products [either intranasal (Flonase<sup>®</sup>) or inhaled (Flovent<sup>®</sup>, Advair<sup>®</sup>)] should be avoided. Consider agents containing budesonide, beclomethasone, or triamcinolone, or flunisolide

Foisy MM, et al. Adrenal suppression and Chushing's syndrome secondary to an interaction between ritonavir and fluticasone: a review of the literature. *HIV Medicine* 2008;9(6):389-96.



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