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Dear Interested Party:

Following recommendations by the Washington State Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, the Department of Social and Health Services - Health and Recovery Services Administration (DSHS-HRSA), the Health Care Authority - Uniform Medical Plan (UMP), and the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) have named the following drugs as preferred in their respective therapeutic classes on the Washington State Preferred Drug List:

Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

methylphenidate HCL (generic products only)
methylphenidate SA (generic products only)
dextroamphetamine (generic products only)
dextroamphetamine SA (generic products only)
amphetamine salt combination (generic products only)
atomoxetine (Strattera ®)

Each agency will use the common PDL according to its benefit structure , including age and dosing limits.

The Department of Social and Health Services - Health and Recovery Services Administration (DSHS-HRSA), the Health Care Authority - Uniform Medical Plan (UMP) will implement the Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder class on April 1, 2006. The Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) will not be implementing this drug class as it is not part of the Workers' Compensation benefit.

If you have other questions or comments regarding this announcement, please contact Erika Clayton at (360) 923-2736 or by email at pdp@hca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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