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TO: Chief Sector Stewards

FROM: Sharon Smith, Health Benefits Specialist

DATE: November 24, 2008

RE: Empire Plan's Prescription Drug Formulary

Except for the addition of generics throughout the year to the Empire Plan's prescription drug formulary, the formulary is only reviewed and changed annually. Changes have been made for 2009 and will become effective 1/1/09.

The following drugs will move up one tier (which results in an increase in copays) effective that date:

Avodart	Premarin Tabs
Concerta	Premphase
Fosamax-D	Prepro
Humatrope	Prevacid Capsules
Lexapro	Prevacid Solutabs
Nasacort AQ	Strattera
Nexium	Testim
Norditropin	Zetia
Premarin Cream	

All members taking the above medications will receive a letter notifying them of the change and their new copay (the letters are due to be mailed this week). That letter will include a list of alternative drugs available in lower tiers. Members should discuss the issue with their doctor to determine whether a change in medication can be made.

The 2009 formulary can be viewed at [www.cs.state.ny.us](http://www.cs.state.ny.us) (benefits information). The State will include a copy of the formulary with their next "Empire At A Glance" pamphlet (due out shortly).

Members with questions should call the Empire Plan (1-877-769-7447) and select Option 4 for the prescription drug program. As always, they can call me with any issues regarding the change.

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cc: NYSCOPBA Executive Board

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