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Memorandum

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To: Health Care Providers and Insurance Carriers in the Texas Workers' Compensation System

From: Matthew Zurek, Executive Deputy Commissioner, Health Care Management and System Monitoring

Subject: Monthly Listing of "N" Drugs in *Official Disability Guidelines – Treatment in Workers' Comp* (ODG) / Appendix A, *ODG Workers' Compensation Drug Formulary*

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) has posted a listing of status "N" drugs published in *Official Disability Guidelines – Treatment in Workers' Comp* (ODG) / Appendix A, *ODG Workers' Compensation Drug Formulary*. The online edition of the ODG is updated as new evidence becomes available; the publisher of the ODG provides TDI-DWC with a monthly summary table of drugs classified as "N" in Appendix A, *ODG Workers' Compensation Drug Formulary*. Drugs identified as status "N" are excluded from TDI-DWC's closed formulary. The listing can be found on the TDI website at www.tdi.state.tx.us/wc/dm/index.html

Starting September 1, 2011, preauthorization will be required when prescribing and dispensing of any drug excluded from TDI-DWC's closed formulary for dates of injury on or after September 1, 2011. The TDI-DWC's monthly summary table of Appendix A is provided as a convenience only and is not a substitute for the online version of Appendix A. Information concerning the ODG can be found at www.worklossdata.com/PR_Texas.htm.

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