

United HealthCare PDL Changes – January 2008

McGohan Brabender has learned that effective January 1, 2008, several medications will move tiers on UnitedHealth Pharmaceutical Solutions' (UHPS) Advantage and Traditional Prescription Drug Lists (PDLs). Three times a year, up-tiering changes are made to their **Advantage** PDL. On January 1 each year, they synchronize the Traditional PDL with the Advantage PDL up-tiering changes that were made throughout the prior year. Down-tiering changes occur throughout the year on both PDLs.

Down-Tierings Effective January 1, 2008

On the Advantage and Traditional PDLs, six medications will be down-tiered from Tier 3 to Tier 2, making these medications **more affordable** for members.

- Byetta (diabetes)
- Janumet (diabetes)
- Januvia (diabetes)
- Levemir Vials (diabetes)
- Retin-A Micro (acne)
- Tazorac (acne/psoriasis)

Advantage PDL Up-Tierings Effective January 1, 2008

Three medications will move from Tiers 1 or 2, to Tier 3. UnitedHealthCare's PDL Management Committee concluded these medications offered lower overall health care value resulting in a higher tier placement.

- Differin (acne)
- Lialda (ulcerative colitis)
- Oscion (acne)

Traditional PDL Up-Tierings Effective January 1, 2008

Ten medications will move from Tiers 1 and 2, to Tier 3. UHC's PDL Management Committee concluded these medications offered lower overall health care value resulting in a higher tier placement.

- Advair (respiratory)
- Azmacort (respiratory)
- Differin (acne)
- Flovent (respiratory)
- Imitrex tablets and nasal spray (migraine)
- Ketek (antibiotic)
- Lialda (ulcerative colitis)
- Oscion (acne)
- Patanol (ocular antihistamine)
- Serevent (respiratory)

While several respiratory medications and one highly used migraine medication have moved to Tier 3, they moved several respiratory and migraine alternatives down to Tier 1 on May 1, 2007. These brand medications are now available at the lowest copayment possible, providing options for members who may be taking a medication moving to Tier 3 on January 1, 2008.

If you have any questions, please contact your McGohan Brabender Account Representative at (800) 293-2347.