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News Flash

To: Sharp Health Plan Providers
Attn: Providers and Provider Office Staff
From: Sharp Health Plan
Date: November 8, 2018
Subject: Formulary Changes for 2019

Attention Provider Partner,

In an ongoing effort to provide high-quality, affordable coverage, Sharp Health Plan will be implementing changes to our formulary beginning January 1, 2019.

Due to these changes, the majority of patients (>60%) will experience a positive impact — their current prescription drug will move to a lower drug tier, resulting in a lower cost share. However, some patients may experience a negative impact. Some medications will:

- **Move to a higher drug tier, resulting in a higher cost share.** Patients may wish to switch to a less expensive drug, if possible.
- **Require new quantity limits,** when they previously did not.
- **Require step therapy,** when they previously did not.
- **Require prior authorization,** when they previously did not.

Sharp Health Plan is required by the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) to notify patients negatively impacted by formulary changes 60 days prior to the effective date. Sharp Health Plan mailed notices regarding the changes to patients, and we expect that your patients may be reaching out to you for more information or assistance.

If you determine that the currently prescribed medication regimen is the most appropriate therapy for your patient, they may be eligible to receive the drug once prior authorization is obtained and the drug is determined to be medically necessary.

We ask that when you submit a Prescription Drug Prior Authorization Form or a Step Therapy Exception Request Form related to the new formulary to Sharp Health Plan, please indicate in bold letters “PROACTIVE REQUEST FOR 2019” on the form itself. This will ensure the request is processed against the 2019 formulary and will help to avoid delays.

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We have resources available online to guide you during this transition. To view a patient's new 2019 formulary, please visit sharphealthplan.com/search-drug-list. Scroll down to, "Looking for 2019 drug coverage information?" and click "View the drug list." Formularies will be listed by type of plan. Select your patient's plan type to view the correct 2019 formulary document.

As always, Sharp Health Plan's Customer Care team is here to help. Providers have a direct line to Customer Care by calling 1-858-499-8200. Please have your NPI with you when you call. We are available to assist you Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sincerely,

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