



Washington State Health Care Authority  
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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, the Health Care Authority – Public Employees Health Plans (PEHP) (Uniform Medical Plan/Aetna Public Employees Plan), and the Department of Labor & Industries have named the following drugs as preferred in their respective therapeutic classes on the Washington State Preferred Drug List:

**Antiemetic (5HT3) drugs**

**ondansetron generic preparations all forms\***

**\*Subject to HRSA expedited prior authorization for chemotherapy and radiation therapy**

(EFFECT: Replaces branded Zofran<sup>®</sup> preparations with generic ondansetron preparations on the PDL).

**Proton Pump Inhibitors**

**omeprazole capsules (generic only)**  
**omeprazole tablets (Prilosec OTC<sup>®</sup>)**  
**lansoprazole tablets (Prevacid SoluTab<sup>®</sup>)\***  
**lansoprazole capsules (Prevacid<sup>®</sup>)**  
**lansoprazole powder (Prevacid Suspension<sup>®</sup>)\***

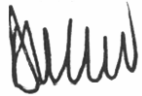
**\*Subject to HRSA expedited prior authorization for special populations (pediatric/swallowing difficulties)**

(EFFECT: Adds generic omeprazole capsules to the existing PDL).

Each agency will use the common PDL according to its benefit structure. The agencies will implement these changes on January 1, 2008.

If you have other questions or comments regarding this announcement, please contact Regina Chacon at 206-521-2027 or by email at [pdp@hca.wa.gov](mailto:pdp@hca.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duane Thurman". The signature is stylized with a large initial "D" and "T".

Duane Thurman  
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