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Prescription Drug Program

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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 (DSHS-HRSA), the Health Care Authority - Uniform Medical Plan (UMP), and the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) have named the following drugs as preferred in their respective therapeutic classes on the Washington State Preferred Drug List:

Second Generation Antidepressants

**Serotonin Reuptake
Inhibitor
(SSRI) Products**

§ fluoxetine
§ citalopram
§ paroxetine

**Serotonin/Norepinephrine
Reuptake Inhibitor
(SNRI) Products**

Effexor /XR ® (venlafaxine)

**Other Antidepressant
Products**

§ bupropion
§ bupropion SR *
§ mirtazapine

§ *generic products only are preferred*

* *bupropion SR requires Expedited Prior Authorization (EPA) for diagnosis of depression - HRSA*

Each agency will use the common PDL according to its benefit structure. This drug class is not subject to the Therapeutic Interchange Program (TIP).

All agencies will implement the Second Generation Antidepressants class on October 1, 2006.

If you have other questions or comments regarding this announcement, please contact Erika Clayton at (360) 923-2736 or by email at pdp@hca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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