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**To:** MaineCare Providers  
**From:** Jennifer Palow, Pharmacy Division Director  
**Date:** 11/24/2010  
**Re:** Plavix / Effient Update

**ATTENTION: Providers who prescribe Plavix or Effient for outpatient use**

Plavix or Effient does NOT require Prior Authorization (PA) when it is prescribed for patients who

- have a percutaneous angioplasty procedure (PCI) scheduled, or
- have had percutaneous angioplasty procedure (PCI) in the past 12 months.

When you are prescribing Plavix or Effient for such a patient, please write on the prescription: “PCI procedure scheduled for (date)” or “PCI procedure occurred (date)”.

For all other patients prescribed Plavix or Effient, the normal Prior Authorization criteria and process will be used.

Pharmacy providers, when receiving a prescription for Plavix or Effient with documentation of PCI as indicated above call the Pharmacy Help Desk at 888-420-9711 and a special PA will be given to process the claim at point of sale.

To all providers, documentation will be necessary and will be reviewed to verify compliance.

If you have any questions about Plavix or Effient or prior authorization requirements please contact GHS Prior Authorization at 888-445-0497 or Pharmacy Help Desk at 888-420-9711.