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To: MaineCare Providers
From: Jennifer Palow, Pharmacy Division Director
Date: 03/10/11
Re: MaineCare Pharmacy Changes

Protonix Update:

Beginning April 1st, 2011 Protonix will become non-preferred and will require prior authorization. MaineCare has monitored generic pantoprazole for several months and the cost of the generic has significantly decreased allowing it to become preferred on the MaineCare PDL. Pharmacies will have through the month of March to utilize current Protonix stock and transition to the preferred product.

Part B Crossover Claims:

Beginning September 1st 2010 Part B Crossover claims started being handled by the MIHMS vendor Molina. These claims which traditionally were handled by GHS through the pharmacy side via paper claim billing are now electronically being sent by Part B directly to Molina for processing. GHS continues to receive paper claims for these Part B claims for secondary billing causing a duplication since these are already done electronically through MIHMS. Please review your remittances for payment on these claims and discontinue sending any paper claims for Part B crossover claims with dates of service after 8/31/2010 to GHS.

If you have any questions please contact GHS at 1-888-420-9711 or Molina at 1-866-690-5585,