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To: MaineCare Providers
From: Jennifer Cook, Pharmacy Unit Manager
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Re: Plavix update:

ATTENTION: Providers who prescribe Plavix for outpatient use

Plavix will NOT require Prior Authorization (PA) when it is prescribed for patients who

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

When you are prescribing Plavix 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, the normal Prior Authorization criteria and process will be used.

Pharmacy providers, when receiving a prescription for Plavix with documentation of PCI as indicated above call the Pharmacy Help Desk 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 prior authorization requirements please contact GHS Prior Authorization at 888-445-0497 or Pharmacy Help Desk at 888-420-9711.

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