



New Hampshire

NEW HAMPSHIRE MEDICAID PHARMACY PROGRAM



TO: New Hampshire Medicaid Providers
FROM: New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services/ First Health Services
DATE: April 27, 2009
SUBJECT: Notification of Changes in DESI Code for Polyethylene Glycol

Effective **April 30, 2009**, the Office of Medicaid Business and Policy will no longer cover polyethylene glycol due to their recent change in DESI code. A notice was recently sent out from the Center for Medicaid and State Operations (CMS) with the following information:

The following products were reported by the labeler with a DESI code of 2 (i.e., rebate- eligible); however, the FDA has determined that the drugs are subject to a Federal Register notice dated October 24, 2008 (73 FR 63491) which proposed to withdraw approval of several Polyethylene Glycol 3350 Abbreviated New Drug Applications. Therefore, the appropriate DESI code for each of these products is a code of 5 (i.e., less than effective/IRS drug for all indications):

- NDC
- 00574-0412 POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL 3350 NF POWDER FOR ORAL SOLUTION
 - 10572-0810 MIRALAX
 - 49884-0146 POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL
 - 51991-0457 POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL 3350 NF
 - 52268-0800 MIRALAX
 - 62175-0442 GLYCOLAX

As a result, these drugs are no longer eligible for coverage under the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program.

These changes are effective **April 30, 2009**. If you have any questions regarding the content of this notice, please contact First Health Services' Clinical Manager or Account Manager at (603) 224-2083. In addition, the First Health Clinical Call Center is available at (866) 675-7755.

E-mail Notifications

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