



TO: FHCP PROVIDERS

FROM: CAROL COOPER, L.P.N. / PROVIDER RELATIONS COORDINATOR

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RE: MEDICATIONS REQUIRING PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS

Attached is a FHCP Policy on medications requiring prior authorization. Please review and save for future reference. The medications listed will not be given to a FHCP member **without prior authorization**. Guidelines are given for each medication.

This policy will be updated on a regular basis. You will be notified of any changes.

If you have any questions in reference to this memo, please contact me at 386 / 615-4001. Thank you.

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Attention All Florida Health Care Plans Providers

Beginning April 1st 2009, Florida Health Care Plans will require Prior Authorization for reimbursement of Palonosetron- J2469 (Aloxi) through the FHCP Central Referrals Department. Please complete a Referral Form and send to the Daytona Beach Central Referrals office (or via fax at 238-3253). Coverage of palonosetron for prevention of chemotherapy induced nausea and vomiting will require failure of Ondansetron (J2405) + Dexamethasone (J1111) on day one and Ondansetron 8mg (ODT or tablets) BID on days 2 and 3 following infusion. Ondansetron (Zofran) must be tried for each unique chemotherapy regimen or combination.

In patients receiving a chemotherapy regimen with a moderate to high emetic risk, or in cases where you think Aloxi would be indicated, please provide your patient with a prescription for Zofran (Ondansetron) tablets to be used on the days following their infusions. Zofran (Ondansetron) is available generically for our members at FHCP pharmacies for an inexpensive copayment (\$6 - \$10 for up to 9 tablets). Rapidly disintegrating Ondansetron is available generically upon your prescription.

PA requirements for coverage of Palonosetron (J2469):

- Dexamethasone (J1111) and Ondansetron (J2405) on date of service (DOS)
- Prescription for Ondansetron in pharmacy records following DOS.

Failure to control emesis must be documented on this regimen.

Thank you for working with FHCP to provide effective care to our members at a price that our community can afford.