

## PROVIDER ALERT/BANNER MESSAGE SIGN-OFF FORM

Provider Type(s): 20, 25, 26, 30

Date: January 14, 2010

Subject: Seroquel Immediate Release tablets

Message: On October 14, 2009, the Medicaid P&T Committee voted to remove Seroquel immediate release tablets from the Medicaid Preferred Drug List. At the same time, the Committee affirmed that Seroquel XR would remain on the PDL.

After additional review, the Agency for Healthcare Administration modified the decision slightly to provide for an extended implementation time to eliminate the impact on mental health recipients.

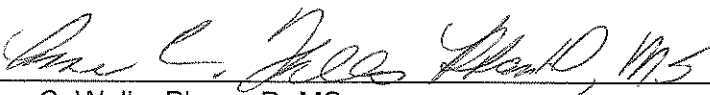
**Effective February 24, 2010**, Seroquel immediate release tablets will be removed from the Florida Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL) for Medicaid recipients 18yrs and older. This applies to adult recipients only. Seroquel immediate release tablets will remain on the PDL for recipients less than 18yo. Prior authorization will continue to be required when prescribing any antipsychotic medication for a child less than 6yo.

Florida Medicaid is asking pharmacists and providers to work together to switch mental health recipients from Seroquel to Seroquel XR tablets. Seroquel XR will remain on the Medicaid PDL. Switching recipients from Seroquel to Seroquel XR does not require any special conversion. The recipients total daily dose of Seroquel can be converted on a "per mg" basis directly to Seroquel XR.

Seroquel is available in the following strengths:  
25 mg, 50mg, 100mg, 200mg, 300mg, 400mg tablets

Seroquel XR is available in the following strengths:  
50mg, 150mg, 200mg, 300mg, 400mg tablets

The goal of the program is to "dose optimize" recipients on Seroquel XR, and reduce the number of immediate release tablets dispensed. This is more cost effective for the Medicaid Program. A second goal is to reduce off-label prescribing of Seroquel as a sedative. Other, more cost effective, sedatives are available on the Medicaid PDL. As previously stated, the program is not meant to disrupt the care of mental health recipients.



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