



June 1, 2014

RE: Notice of Formulary Changes

Dear HNE Provider:

The cost of prescription drugs continues to rise. At HNE, we constantly are looking for ways to keep down health care costs while still providing the highest possible level of quality. As part of this commitment, we have identified that a significant cost savings can be obtained by making some changes to the forms of fluoxetine that HNE covers.

The cost of fluoxetine 40 mg capsules is almost 10 times higher than two fluoxetine 20 mg capsules and fluoxetine tablets cost almost 8 times as much as one 20 mg capsule. Based on this, effective July 1, 2014, HNE will no longer cover fluoxetine 40mg capsules or 20mg tablets.

According to our records, some of your patients are currently receiving fluoxetine 40mg capsules and/or 20mg tablets.

Your patient(s) and their pharmacy(s) have been made aware of this change. We kindly ask that in preparation of this coverage change you proactively begin to prescribe the 20mg capsules for ease of transition. HNE members will continue to pay their generic (Tier 1) coinsurance and/or copayment for this product, and because of the considerable cost difference, they may have a lesser out of pocket expense with this change.

What if I am prescribing Fluoxetine 40 mg capsules?

Change the prescription to two fluoxetine 20 mg capsules or you can contact HNE for prior approval for your patient to keep taking the current drug at the number listed on this letter.

What if I am prescribing Fluoxetine 20 mg tablets?

Change the prescription to fluoxetine 20 mg capsules or you can contact HNE for prior approval for your patient to keep taking the current drug at the number listed on this letter.

HNE will review your request for prior approval. If the request is denied, your patient may appeal the result. They can also authorize someone to appeal the result on their behalf. Their Member Handbook describes HNE's appeal process.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our HNE Member Services Department at **800.310.2835**. Our staff is available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We will be happy to help you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary J. Tereso, Pharm.D." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Gary J. Tereso, Pharm.D, BCPS
Director of Pharmacy Services