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Subject: Prilosec OTC Shortage

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Message: The attached provider letter will be mailed to OMAP pharmacists early in July to explain what to do if they can't get the proposed 8-1-04 benchmark PMPDP drug, Prilosec OTC.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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To: Providers of Pharmaceutical Services

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Prilosec OTC is currently on the Practitioner-Managed Prescription Drug Plan (PMPDP) list for the Proton Pump Inhibitor (PPI) therapeutic drug class (see OAR 410-121-0030 Table 1). Prilosec OTC is proposed to be the benchmark drug in the PPI class beginning August 1, 2004.

OMAP learned of a temporary industry shortage of Prilosec OTC that may last several months. Generic Omeprazole is the PPI product with the next lowest cost. If you cannot obtain Prilosec OTC for prescriptions, please ask the prescribers if they will change the prescription to generic Omeprazole as the next lowest cost alternative.

If the prescriber obtained a prior authorization (PA) for one PPI, OMAP will transfer the PA as long as the prescription is changed to another PPI product.

If you have any questions about this letter, please call Tom Drawbaugh, OMAP Pharmacy Program Manager, at (503) 945-6492.

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