



Division of Medical Assistance Programs

# Information Memorandum Transmittal

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**Issue Date:** 7/12/2012

**Topic:** Medical Benefits

**Subject:** Pharmacy announcement - Lipitor® no longer preferred over generic equivalents starting July 18, 2012

**Applies to:**

- All DHS employees
- Area Agencies on Aging
- Children, Adults and Families
- County DD Program Managers
- County Mental Health Directors
- Seniors and People with Disabilities
- Other (please specify): DHS and OHA staff and others identified on the SPD, CAF, AMH and DMAP transmittal lists

**Message:**

The OSU College of Pharmacy will fax the following message to approximately 700 Oregon pharmacies.

It tells them that starting July 18, DMAP will no longer prefer Lipitor® brand over its generic equivalents, as stated in a December fax to pharmacies. See the December 2011 provider announcement at <https://apps.state.or.us/cf1/OHP/OHPadmin/files/11-843-1211.pdf>.

*If you have any questions about this information, contact:*

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## OHP pharmacies

### Brand LIPITOR® to be removed from the OHP Preferred Drug List

Effective July 18, 2012, the Division of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP) will again prefer generic atorvastatin over its brand name equivalent LIPITOR® for our fee-for-service clients.

Please be aware that OHP managed care plans may choose to cover the brand LIPITOR® as preferred instead of generic atorvastatin.

For more information about the OHP Preferred Drug List, go to [http://www.oregon.gov/oha/healthplan/pages/tools\\_prov/pdl.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/oha/healthplan/pages/tools_prov/pdl.aspx). You can also use the Epocrates online or handheld formulary database (search for Oregon Medicaid – Open Card).

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### Questions?

- **Patient questions or concerns:** Please share our Client Services toll-free number with OHP patients: 1-800-273-0557. Representatives are available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
- **About this announcement or the Provider Web Portal:** Call the Provider Services Unit at 1-800-336-6016, Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday.
- **About pharmacy point of sale and prior authorizations:** Call the Oregon Pharmacy Call Center at 1-888-202-2126.
- **About physical health prescriptions for patients in a managed care plan:** Contact the plan.

