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Topic: Medical Benefits

Subject: Pharmacy announcement: Brand GEODON® and LEXAPRO® to be removed from the OHP Preferred Drug List

Applies to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors and People with Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): DHS and OHA staff and others identified on the SPD, CAF, AMH and DMAP transmittal lists |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | |

Message:

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

It tells them that starting Aug. 29, DMAP will no longer prefer brand GEODON® and LEXAPRO® over their generic equivalents, as stated in an [April announcement to pharmacies](#).

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

Contact(s):	DMAP Pharmacy Program
E-mail:	dmap.rxquestions@state.or.us

OHP pharmacies

Brand GEODON® and LEXAPRO® to be removed from the OHP Preferred Drug List

Effective August 29, 2012, the Division of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP) will again prefer generic ziprasidone and escitalopram over their brand name equivalents GEODON® and LEXAPRO® for our fee-for-service clients. From August 22 through August 29, DMAP will allow reimbursement for both the brand and generic versions of these drugs to allow pharmacies to exhaust their stock of the brand.

Please be aware that OHP managed care plans may choose to cover the brand drugs as preferred instead of their generic equivalents.

For more information about the OHP Preferred Drug List, go to www.orpdl.org. You can also use the Epocrates online or handheld formulary database (search for Oregon Medicaid – Open Card).

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.

