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To: Pharmacists
Prescribers
Managed Care Organizations

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<http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/pharmacy>

Subject: Prescription Drug Program: Delay to HRSA October PDL implementation

Effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2008, the Health and Recovery Services Administration (HRSA) will continue to apply the Washington Preferred Drug List (PDL) which was effective July 1, 2008, as detailed in # **Memo 08-22**.

HRSA Continues Application of July 1, 2008, Preferred Drug List Until Further Notice

On July 22, 2008, and August 6, 2008, the Washington State Healthcare Authority Prescription Drug Program announced changes to the Washington State Preferred Drug List (PDL) to be implemented on October 1, 2008, by the following state agencies:

- Department of Social and Health Services - Health and Recovery Services Administration (DSHS-HRSA).
- Healthcare Authority (HCA) - Uniform Medical Plan (UMP).
- Department of Labor & Industries (L&I).

To ensure the payment system remains stable for the transition from HRSA's legacy Point-of-Sale (POS) system to the new ProviderOne Pharmacy System, **HRSA will *not* implement these changes to the Washington PDL on October 1, 2008**. Scheduled implementation of the October Washington PDL will continue for both UMP and L&I.

The current version of the Washington PDL published in # Memo 08-22, originally effective on July 1, 2008, will remain in effect for HRSA on October 1, 2008, and until further notice.

You may access this memo at:

<http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/download/Memos/2008Memos/08-22.pdf>

The full July 2008 Washington PDL can be accessed at:

<http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/download/BillingInstructions/Prescription%20Drug%20Program/WPDL.pdf>

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