



STATE OF TENNESSEE
BUREAU OF TENNCARE
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
310 GREAT CIRCLE ROAD
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Memo

To: All TennCare Providers
From: Bureau of TennCare
Date: June 23, 2006
Re: Zocor® Generic Coming to the Market and Short List Update

Zocor® Generic Coming to the Market

A generic formulation of Zocor® (simvastatin) is expected to hit the market on or around June 23, 2006. Please note, brand name Zocor® will remain as **preferred** on the TennCare PDL until further notice. Brand name Zocor® will temporarily be counted as a generic towards the prescription limits and co-pay. Generic simvastatin will initially be non-preferred on the PDL. This will be reviewed on an ongoing basis. The updated PDL can be downloaded at the First Health / TennCare website at <https://tennessee.fhsc.com>.

Clarification on the Pharmacy Short List and Amiloride:

On November 1, 2005, generic medications in three categories (cardiovascular, diabetes, and asthma) were added to the pharmacy short list. On a periodic basis, First Data Bank potentially classifies what is considered to be a “generic” based on pricing and market availability. It has come to our attention that the amiloride currently available is being classified as a brand name medication and there are no generic products available. The product available will count as a brand name medication for prescription limits and co-pay, as it is classified as such. The pharmacy short list available on the website will be updated to indicate the lack of availability of a generic amiloride product. We will continue to closely monitor this situation.

Thank you for your participation in the TennCare program and your commitment to assist your patients as we implement the reforms necessary to bring program costs in line with available funding.

Please forward or copy the information in this notice to all providers who may be affected by these processing changes.