

MANAGED CARE UPDATES

TOUCHSTONE HEALTH PSO

The Department of Managed Care and Clinical Business Plan Development is pleased to announce that the University Hospital of Brooklyn and the University Physicians of Brooklyn are now participating providers with Touchstone Health PSO effective June 1, 2006

MEDICARE PART D

As of January 1, 2006 Medicare now offers prescription drug coverage insurance called **MEDICARE PART D**. All Medicare recipients are eligible for this coverage, regardless of income and resources, health status, or current prescription expenses. Recipients who have both Medicare and Medicaid (Dual Eligible) will now have their prescription coverage paid through Medicare.

MEDICARE PART D FORMULARY FINDER INSTRUCTIONS

To find out which Prescription Drug Plans and Medicare Advantage plans are available in New York State go to <http://www.medicare.gov/>. The following instructions will help you navigate through the formulary finder, please print the instructions before you proceed:

1. Go to <http://www.medicare.gov/>.
2. Scroll down the page and “click” on Formulary Finder
3. Go to “click here” to view the entire list of plans available in New York State
4. Select the state and click continue to proceed

This link will give you a comprehensive list of all plans currently available in New York State.

To view the Formulary Finder and determine which Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) or Medicare Advantage plan covers prescribed medications:

1. Follow steps 1&2 listed above
2. Go to section “A” and select your state
3. Type in the name of the drug(s)
4. Go to section B to review the drug list (you may add additional drugs)
5. Select “Continue with Selected Drugs”
6. Section “C” gives you two choices
 - a. Change and Update my Drug Dose & Quantity

b. Continue with common Dose Drug & 30-Day Quantity
After making the selection the Formulary Finder will list all of the plans in your state that offers the drugs listed in query.

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Effective November 26, 2005 University Hospital of Brooklyn no longer participates with AmeriChoice HealthPlan. SUNY Downstate Medical Center has been dedicated to providing high quality health care services to AmeriChoice members for a decade. Our decision to terminate this relationship has come only after prolonged negotiations have failed to produce an equitable agreement. Patients, who would like to continue to receive their care at University Hospital of Brooklyn and its providers, please contact the Managed Care Office at (718)-270-8834 or (718)-826-5026.