



PROVIDER NOTICE

New Pharmacy Benefit Manager

Beginning April 1, 2005, MedImpact® will be the new Health Plus Pharmacy Benefit Manager. On or after April 1, any pharmacy-related questions should be directed to MedImpact® at **1-800-788-2949** (select option 3 for physicians). If calling in reference to a member's pharmacy benefits, please be prepared with the member's Health Plus ID number.

Formulary Change:

Non-Sedating Antihistamines and Proton Pump Inhibitors

Effective immediately, Health Plus will cover the medications listed below for Child Health Plus and Family Health Plus members in need of non-sedating antihistamines or proton pump inhibitors (PPI). The use of other agents will be permitted **only** after documented failure of these first-line drugs:

1) Non-Sedating Antihistamines

- Health Plus will allow **OTC formulations of loratadine (i.e. OTC Claritin or Alavert)** to be used as first-line therapy.

2) Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPI)

- Health Plus will allow **Prilosec OTC™ 20 mg** as first-line therapy choice.

Prilosec OTC™ 20 mg is covered for Child Health Plus and Family Health Plus. **Members currently being treated with a different PPI can receive a final one-month supply of that medication before switching to Prilosec OTC™.**