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Pharmacy Announcement

## Nevada Medicaid Removes Carisoprodol from Preferred Drug List

Effective Nov. 2, 2011, carisoprodol and carisoprodol compounds will no longer be listed as preferred on the <u>Nevada Medicaid Preferred Drug List</u> (<u>PDL</u>). On June 23, 2011, the Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee voted to remove carisoprodol and carisoprodol compounds from the PDL based on their review of clinical evidence and based on the recommendation of the Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board.

Alternative drugs in this class (skeletal muscle relaxants) that remain on the PDL can be found at: https://medicaid.nv.gov/providers/rx/PDL.asp.

After Nov. 2, 2011, claims for carisoprodol will reject for "Prior Authorization Required." Recipients must then meet the Standard Preferred Drug List Exception Criteria for prior authorization (PA) approval.