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## INFORMATIONAL NOTICE

TO: Participating Medical Assistance Providers

RE: Changes to Coverage of Certain Over-the-Counter (OTC) Drugs

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The Department of Healthcare and Family Services recently announced changes to the drug program affecting over-the-counter (OTC) products. The Department has revised the policy. Select products in some of the classes will continue to be covered. Changes are noted in bold and underline below:

Products in the following classes will not be covered effective August 1, 2005, unless another date is noted:

Antacids/Acid Reducers (Effective September 1, 2005)  
Iron Replacement  
Laxatives  
Lice Treatment  
Non-Sedating Antihistamines  
Pain Relief/Analgesics

Products in the following classes will not be covered effective August 1, 2005, except for the specific products mentioned:

Topical Antifungal Preparations (**Department will continue to cover clotrimazole 1% cream**)  
Topical Hydrocortisone Preparations (**Department will continue to cover hydrocortisone 1% cream and ointment**)

Products in the following classes, which were previously announced as discontinued, will continue to be covered:

**Artificial Tears**  
**Saline Nasal Spray**  
**Topical Antibiotic Preparations**

There will be no changes to coverage of OTC drugs for children under the age of 21.