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ADVISORY

In an effort to give timely notice to the pharmacy community concerning important pharmacy topics, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's (DHMH) Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program (MMPP) has developed the Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program Advisory. To expedite information timely to the pharmacy and prescriber communities, an email network has been established which incorporates the email lists of the Maryland Pharmacists Association, EPIC, CARE, Long Term Care Consultants, headquarters of all chain drugstores and prescriber associations and organizations. It is our hope that the information is disseminated to all interested parties. If you have not received this email through any of the previously noted parties or via DHMH, please contact the MMPP representative at 410-767-1455.

Temporary Removal of MedWatch Requirement for Prevacid Solutabs

Due to the recent unavailability of the generic lansoprazole orally dissolving tablets (ODT), Maryland Medicaid will temporarily stop requiring prior authorization for the brand Prevacid Solutabs (NDCs 64764054311 and 64764054411). Effective today, February 3, 2012, claims for Fee-for-service recipients for brand Prevacid Solutabs with **DAW 6** will adjudicate and be priced appropriately. Claims with any other DAW code will reject.

This change will remain in effect until the Program determines that the generic becomes available again.

Please refer to Advisory 102 for other multisource brand drugs that currently have preferred status and require a DAW 6. All past Advisories are available online on DHMH's **new web link** at:

<http://mmcp.dhmh.maryland.gov/pap/SitePages/Provider%20Advisories.aspx>