

## **NEW YORK STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM – DISPENSE BRAND DRUGS WHEN LESS EXPENSIVE**

On April 26, 2010, New York Medicaid implemented a new cost containment initiative which promotes the use of certain multi-source brand name drugs when the cost of the brand name drug is less expensive than the generic equivalent.

### ***Current list of Brand name drugs included in this program\* (Date Revised 8/09/2011):***

- **Adderall XR**
- **Aricept 5mg, 10mg ODT**
- **Astelin**
- **Carbatrol**
- **Diastat**
- **Duragesic**
- **Lovenox**
- **Nasacort AQ**
- **Valtrex**

\*List is subject to change

### ***Please be aware that Brand name drugs included in this program:***

- will not require 'Dispense as Written' (DAW) or 'Brand Medically Necessary' on the prescription; **and do not need to be billed using the NCPDP (408-D8) Dispense As Written/Product Selection Code of '1'**.
- have a generic copayment; and are therefore in conformance with State Education Law which intends that patients receive the lower cost alternative;
- have an enhanced dispensing fee (equal to generic dispensing fee);
- will be paid at the Brand Name Drug reimbursement rate or usual and customary price, whichever is lower (neither the SMAC nor FUL will be applied);
- will not require prior authorization.

Please keep in mind that drugs removed from this program may be subject to prior authorization requirements of other pharmacy programs; again promoting the use of the most cost-effective product.