

Pharmacy Department UPDATES September 2017

## **Formulary Updates**

• Effective October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017, Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy will be PHC's exclusive specialty pharmacy provider for select specialty medications. <u>Click Here</u> for list of specialty medications that will be exclusively serviced by Walgreens.

#### **Pharmacy Practice Pearls**

- Basaglar is a "follow-on" 100units/ml insulin glargine with the exact protein sequence as Lantus.
- Basaglar is not interchangeable with Lantus and a new prescription is required to convert a patient from Lantus to Basaglar.
- When converting a patient from Lantus to Basaglar, the same dose and time of day for administration should be used.

### PARx (Electronic Prior Authorization System) Hot Tips

- Did you know you can check the PARx TAR status on PARx? Simply click on 'Pharmacy TAR Lookup' and type in the Reference # (PARx TAR number) or member CIN and applicable date range and the TAR(s) will display below. The status will be given on the left side under 'Current Status'.
- Your pharmacy can also view the TAR determination letter on PARx by using the 'Pharmacy Letter' function. Enter the Reference # into the field and click on 'Search'. The letters will display below for you to view. If you do not have the Reference # you can search by the member's CIN and applicable date range under 'Pharmacy TAR Lookup'. Once you find the TAR, click on 'View Pharmacy Letter'. The reference number will be automatically populated and then click on 'Search'.

#### Important Links:

PHC Formulary Search Tool: <a href="https://client.formularynavigator.com/Search.aspx?siteTestID=1196">https://client.formularynavigator.com/Search.aspx?siteTestID=1196</a>

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