

## **Amerigroup Washington, Inc. moving to a state *Preferred Drug List***

**Summary of change:** Effective January 1, 2018, Amerigroup will follow the *Health Care Authority's Preferred Drug List (PDL)* for its Washington Apple Health members.

### **Why is this change necessary?**

This move is part of an ongoing effort to minimize rising prescription drug costs while working to ensure access to clinically effective and appropriate drug therapies.

### **What is the impact of this change?**

The *PDL* will initially include 13 drug classes and will continue to develop through consultation with Amerigroup, the other managed care organizations serving Washington Apple Health members and the state Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee/Drug Utilization Review Board.

The 13 drug classes will be incorporated into the Amerigroup *PDL*. Providers can continue to use our *PDL* when submitting prior authorization requests. Prior authorization requests continue to be accepted by phone at 1-800-454-3730, by fax at 1-800-359-5781 or online. A copy of the *PDL* will be available on our website at <https://providers.amerigroup.com/WA>.

Impacted members will be notified with a letter if a change to his or her medication will be necessary based single *PDL* changes. Some drugs will be grandfathered in, so no change will be necessary for members with prescriptions for those medications.

### **What if I need assistance?**

If you have questions about this communication, received this fax in error or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services toll free at 1-800-454-3730.