

RX UPDATE

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Dear Abrazo Advantage Health Plan (AAHP) Medical Providers:

In an effort to improve patient safety, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) contracts with Acumen LLC to provide reports to Medicare Part D plans regarding drug-drug interactions (DDI). The monthly reports identify which of our members have received prescriptions for drugs that are contraindicated with concurrent prescriptions.

Since the DDI report also identifies which medical and pharmacy provider was involved with each DDI, AAHP would like to share with you the current list of target drugs and contraindicated drugs CMS is monitoring (see attached list.)

If you have any questions or need further information, please call Johanna Stryker-Smit, PharmD at (602) 824-4021 or your Provider Relations Representative directly at (602) 824-3700 or (800) 747-7997.

Thank you for the care you provide our members

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CMS Target Drug	Contraindicated Drug
Benzodiazepines: alprazolam,	Azole antifungal agents: ketoconazole, itraconazole, fluconazole,
midazolam, triazolam	posaconazole, voriconazole
carbamazepine	propoxyphene
cyclosporine	Rifamycins: rifampin, rifabutin, rifapentine
digoxin	clarithromycin, erythromycin, azithromycin, telithromycin
Ergot alkaloids: ergotamine, dihydroergotamine	clarithromycin, erythromycin, telithromycin
Estrogen/progestin oral contraceptives: desogestrel-ethinyl estradiol, mestranolnorethindrone drospirone-ethinyl estradiol, estradiol valerate-dienogest, ethinyl estradiol-ethynodiol, ethinyl estradiol/levonorgestrel, ethinyl estradiolnorethindrone, ethinyl estradiol/norgestimate, ethinyl estradiol-norgestrel	Rifamycins: rifampin, rifabutin, rifapentine
MAO Inhibitors: isocarboxazid, linezolid, phenelzine, rasagiline, selegiline, tranylcypromine	Sympathomimetics: amphetamines, atomoxetine, benzphetamine, dextroamphetamine, diethylpropion, isometheptene, methamphetamine, methylphenidate, phendimetrazine, phentermine, phenylephrine, pseudoephedrine, tapentadol, dexmethylphenidate, lisdexamfetamine Serotonergic Agents: buspirone, citalopram, cyclobenzaprine, trazodone desvenlafaxine, dextromethorphan, duloxetine, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, meperidine, milnacipran, mirtazapine, paroxetine, sertraline, sibutramine, tetrabenazine, tramadol, venlafaxine
methotrexate	trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole
Nitrates: amyl nitrite, isosorbide dinitrate, isosorbide mononitrate, nitroglycerin	Phosphodiesterase inhibitors: sildenafil, tadalafil, vardenafil
simvastatin (40mg & 80mg)	amiodarone
tamoxifen	bupropion, duloxetine, fluoxetine, paroxetine
theophylline	ciprofloxacin, fluvoxamine
mercaptopurine	allopurinol
warfarin	cimetidine, trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole, Fibrates: fenofibrate, fenofibric acid, gemfibrozil, NSAIDs: diclofenac, etodolac, fenoprofen, flurbiprofen, ibuprofen, indomethacin, ketoprofen, ketorolac, meclizolam, mefenamic acid, meloxicam, nambumetone, naproxen, oxaprozin, piroxicam, sulindac, tolmetin

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