



# Provider Issue Briefing

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## Contra Costa Health Plan Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee

The CCHP P&T committee meeting that was scheduled for 7/8/16 was rescheduled to 8/12/16.

### Changes to the Preferred Drug List (PDL):

- **No changes to report at this time. Any future updates approved at the 8/12/16 P&T meeting will be reported in the next provider bulletin (Q3 2016).**

### Flu shots as a pharmacy benefit:

In past years, CCHP has covered the flu shot as a pharmacy benefit from November 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. At the recommendation of the CCRMC immunizations task force, CCHP will be expanding the availability of the flu shot as a pharmacy benefit to October 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup> (available at Walgreens and Rite Aid stores within Contra Costa County). Additionally, due to recent CDC data showing a lack of efficacy, CCHP will NOT be adding the nasal flu vaccine to the formulary for the 2016/2017 flu season.

### There are numerous ways to view the CCHP Preferred Drug List:

CCHP updates the Preferred Drug List (PDL) formulary after each quarterly Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee meeting. CCHP invites and encourages practitioners to access each update through the following means:

- An interactive searchable formulary is available within Epic (contact the Epic team with any questions related to functionality).
- A printable copy of the CCHP PDL can be found here: <http://cchealth.org/healthplan/pdf/pdl.pdf>
- A searchable copy of the CCHP PDL can be found here: <http://formularynavigator.com/Search.aspx?siteID=MMRREQ3QBC>
- **EPOCRATES – free mobile & online formulary resource**
  - CCHP providers may add the CCHP formulary to their mobile devices using the following steps:
    - Go to [www.epocrates.com](http://www.epocrates.com) and click on “My Account” in the top right.
    - Sign in with your Epocrates username and password, if needed.
    - Click on "Edit Formularies."
    - Follow the on screen instructions to select and download formularies or to remove formularies (plan name in Epocrates is Contra Costa Health Plan).
    - Update your device, and the formularies on your mobile device will be changed accordingly.

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Providers may request a copy of CCHP pharmacy management procedures or specific drug PA criteria by contacting the pharmacy unit directly at 925-957-7260 x2, or via the email listed below:

Questions and comments may be directed to CCHP Pharmacy by emailing  
[cchp\\_pharmacy\\_director@hsd.cccounty.us](mailto:cchp_pharmacy_director@hsd.cccounty.us)