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Preferred Drug List (PDL) Update

On June 28, 2016, under a priority review, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the first pan-genotypic oral direct-acting antiviral agent to treat chronic HCV infection, targeting genotypes 1-6. Epclusa, is a once daily fixed-dose combination of 400 mg sofosbuvir, an HCV nucleotide analog NS5B polymerase inhibitor, and 100 mg velpatasvir, an HCV NS5A inhibitor. Epclusa is indicated alone for use in adults with HCV, without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis; it is also indicated in combination with weight-based ribavirin in those with decompensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh B or C). The recommended dose of Epclusa is one 400/100 mg tablet once daily, taken without regard to food, for 12 weeks.

Effective July 11, 2016, Epclusa will be preferred for HCV genotype 3 infections and Daklinza will move to non-preferred status on the NC Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL). The HCV DAA PDL Drug Class is pending review later this month. Any additional updates that may be made based on this review will be communicated in a future pharmacy newsletter article.

ANTIVIRALS (Continued)	
Hepatitis C Agents	
Preferred	**Non-Preferred**
Clinical criteria apply (HCV DAA Drug Class is Pending Review)	
Epclusa® Tablet (for genotype 3)	Daklinza® Tablet (for genotype 3) **(must request Sovaldi® in addition to Daklinza® with a separate PA)**
Technivie® Dose Pack (for genotype 4)	Epclusa® Tablet (for genotype 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6)
Viekira® Pak (for genotype 1)	Harvoni® Tablet
	Olysio® Capsule
	Sovaldi® Tablet
	Zepatier® Tablet

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