



November 2005

ATTENTION PROVIDERS

Medical Bulletin
05-020

An Important Notice for Wyoming Medicaid Providers

Effective December 1, 2005 Wyoming EqualityCare Pharmacy Services will be removing Kadian from the Preferred Drug List (PDL.) During a recent review of the long acting opioid class it was found that there has been a substantial increase in the cost of Kadian for the pharmacy program.

Wyoming EqualityCare Pharmacy Services apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause providers and clients. Pharmacy Services does not intend to delete coverage of preferred drugs on a regular basis. However, in this particular situation, the cost increase was significant enough to warrant an immediate change in coverage of Kadian to a non-preferred long acting opioid.

For those clients who have been prescribed Kadian after November 30th, they will either need prior authorization (PA) to continue treatment with Kadian or they may be prescribed long acting morphine sulfate which is a preferred long acting opioid and does not require PA.

Questions in regards to this change may be directed to the ACS Help Desk's toll free number at 1-800-365-4944.

More information on the PDL, as well as PA forms, may be found on the Wyoming Department of Health Pharmacy Services web page at:

<http://pharmacy.state.wy.us>

