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Zyrtec® Available Over The Counter

As of January 25, 2008, all strengths of the allergy drug Zyrtec® (and Zyrtec D®) became available over-the-counter at retail drug outlets. The attached letters were mailed last week to TLC Key Advantage plan members who have used the drug informing them that *Zyrtec* is no longer covered under the prescription drug benefit. While the drug is no longer available as a prescription, Medco Health Solutions, Inc., the pharmacy program administrator, is making the 10-mg strength of over-the-counter *Zyrtec* available for order through *Medco By Mail*. For more information, call toll-free 1-800-903-8642 Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST.

Inpatient Copayment Waived for Future Moms Participation

Effective with the July 1 renewal (October 1 for certain school groups), expectant parents who participate in TLC Key Advantage Expanded and TLC Key Advantage 200 have a chance to save \$200 on their inpatient facility maternity copayment. The copayment will be waived if the expectant mother enrolls in the “Future Moms” prenatal program during the first trimester and completes the full program. “Future Moms” is designed to help women have healthy pregnancies and to reduce the chances of premature birth. It is available at no cost to employees, spouses and eligible dependents covered under these plans. To enroll, call **1-800-828-5891**.

Order New Enrollment Forms and Destroy Older Versions

TLC is required to get approval of enrollment forms from the Bureau of Insurance. For plan year 2008-09 we have made changes in our enrollment form. Group Benefits Administrators should order new forms for Open Enrollment and going forward, and destroy older versions of the form. This is not a re-enrollment so new forms are not necessary unless the employee is changing plans or wishes to make a change in membership level. The new TLC Materials Order Form is attached and will be available soon on the TLC Web site.

Notify TLC of Medicare Eligibility

If your TLC group offers coverage to retirees not eligible for Medicare, we highly suggest that you take the opportunity when sending Open Enrollment materials to also send them an important reminder on Medicare eligibility. These retirees must notify TLC if they or their covered dependents are Medicare eligible, or become Medicare eligible, during the coming plan year. If they fail to do so, we may be forced to retract claims since Medicare-eligible retirees cannot remain in the Key Advantage plans.