



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
BUREAU OF TENNCARE  
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This notice is to advise you of an important change that will impact the Point-of-Sale (POS) system used for processing pharmacy claims for the TennCare Program. During the months of March and April, 2005, First Health Services Corporation at the request of the Bureau of TennCare will begin to implement the first phase of a number of edits to be put in place by the end of 2005. A list and description of the edits is defined below. **Information regarding the use of Grier Override Codes as associated with these edits will be forthcoming.**

- **Step Therapy Edits**-These edits encourage use of clinically appropriate and cost effective medications for specific indications based on guidelines published by the manufacturer and approved by the Pharmacy Advisory Committee. The full text of the step therapy edits can be found at: [y y 0ktuj gcnj 0eqo](#) . We encourage you to visit this website, review the edits, and print them for your records. **For questions, please call First Health Services Clinical Call Center at 866-434-5524.**

Actiq®	Botox®
Carafate®	Epogen®
Growth Hormone	Procrit®
Singulair®	Aranesp®
Synagis®	Retin A®
Xolair®	Sporanox®
Zovirax® Cream	Topamax®
Amevive®-Plaque Psoriasis	Zelnorm®
Raptiva®-Plaque Psoriasis	Zyvox®
Enbrel®-Plaque Psoriasis	
Kineret®-Rheumatoid Arthritis	
Enbrel®- Rheumatoid Arthritis	
Humira®- Rheumatoid Arthritis	
Remicade®- Rheumatoid Arthritis	
Arava®- Rheumatoid Arthritis	
- **Dose Optimization**- This edit requires the most cost-effective strength of a medication be used by a recipient and establishes quantity limits based on manufacturers' recommended prescribing practices. **For questions, please call First Health Services Clinical Call Center at 866-434-5524.**
- **Drug Dosage**- This edit limits the use of excessive doses of medications as defined by greater than 200% over the maximum recommended dose per the First DataBank™ Drug Clinical Modules. **For questions, please call First Health Services Clinical Call Center at 866-434-5524.**
- **Therapeutic Duplication**- This edit limits the use of more than one drug in a specific therapeutic class unless deemed clinically appropriate by the prescriber. **For questions, please call First Health Services Clinical Call Center at 866-434-5524.**
- **Deletion of Maintenance Medications**- Limits quantities of prescribed drugs to not more than a one month supply (maximum of 31 days excluding LTC). **For questions, please call First Health Services Technical Call Center at 866-434-5520.**
- **Unit of Measure Field**- Requires mandatory submission of NCPDP field 600-28 Unit of Measure. The NCPDP Standard Product Billing codes for field 600-28 Unit of Measure are Each, Grams, or Milliliters. An updated payer specs summary can be found at [www.firsthealth.com](http://www.firsthealth.com). As this will require changes to your software system, we ask that you contact your software vendor immediately to notify them of the change. **For questions, please call First Health Services Technical Call Center at 866-434-5520.**