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## PHARMACY BULLETIN - IMPORTANT UPDATES

### IMPLANON

Peach State Health Plan (Peach State) is making an important change in policy to improve quality of care for our members. Beginning April 15, 2010, Peach State will no longer allow patients to receive Implanon through Caremark. **We will require that Implanon be provided out of office stock for Peach State patients, but we will not require prior authorization for this device.**

You must provide the Implanon from your office stock and bill for the device with the implantation in order to be reimbursed. If you have any questions about the new process, please contact the Peach State Pharmacy Department at 800-514-0083 (option 2). We will be happy to assist you.

### LOW MOLECULAR WEIGHT HEPARINS AND IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS

Effective April 15, 2010, physicians should fax all requests for low molecular weight heparins and immunosuppressants directly to the Peach State Health Plan Pharmacy Department at 866-374-1579. We had formerly requested that these requests be faxed directly to Caremark, but we now realize that these two drug classes require more special handling.

Low Molecular Weight Heparins	Immunosuppressants
Fragmin	Sandimmune (Cyclosporine)
Lovenox	Gengraf (Cyclosporine)
Innohep	Neoral (Cyclosporine)
Arixtra	Atgam
	Thymoglobulin
	Cellcept (Mycophenolate)
	Myfortic (Mycophenolate)
	Rapamune
	Prograf (Tacrolimus)

When faxing your request, please include all pertinent information for the most efficient processing of your prior authorization. Once complete clinical information is obtained, we can process your request within 24 hours. If you have any questions about the new process, please contact the Peach State Pharmacy Department at 1-800-514-0083 (option 2). We will be happy to assist you. *Please note: The Preferred Drug List - April 2010 edition can be found on our website, [www.pshp.com](http://www.pshp.com).*

Thank you,

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