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Tennessee Workers' Compensation Drug Formulary Patient Notification Letter

[DATE]

[PATIENT'S NAME]

[ADDRESS]

[STATE FILE NUMBER]

[CLAIM NUMBER]

You are receiving this letter because you are being prescribed medications that could be affected by new rules adopted by the Tennessee Bureau of Workers' Compensation. We have attached a list of drugs that you may be taking that will be affected.

Drug formulary rules require prescribers and pharmacies to obtain prior approval for certain medications before they may be paid for by workers' compensation.

Please be advised that this is not a complete list; other drugs that your doctor prescribes may be affected as well. Please talk to your doctor at your next office visit if you are unsure whether you are currently being prescribed medications that will be affected by these rules or whether discontinuation, substitution or weaning of these medications may be appropriate for your care.

If your prescriber feels that the medications are medically necessary, and there is no satisfactory substitute, they should request prior approval from your insurance carrier with enough time to allow for review so that you do not have to wait to receive the prescribed medications.

It is important to know when these new rules will affect your claim:

- Certain medications that were prescribed and dispensed for the first time under your claim after **January 1, 2016** will require prior approval starting on **August 28, 2016**.
- Refills of affected medications that have been previously prescribed under your claim before **January 1, 2016** will require prior approval starting on **February 28, 2017**.

Please take this letter with you to your next appointment with your prescribing doctor and discuss your medications. For more information about the drug formulary, please visit the Bureau's website at:

<http://www.tn.gov/workforce/section/injuries-at-work>

or: <http://www.tn.gov/workforce/article/wc-drug-formulary>.

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Prescription Information

Prescriber's Name	Medication	Dose

Cc: [Prescriber]

[Pharmacy]

[Adjuster]