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RE: Updates for Pradaxa®

Prescribers and pharmacists,

Pradaxa® (dabigatran etexilate) capsules have been brand preferred for quite some time. **Effective today**, both the generic (dabigatran etexilate) and the brand (Pradaxa®) will be available for dispensing to Arkansas Medicaid beneficiaries.

Generic dabigatran etexilate capsule will require DAW code of zero (0) to process the payment at the correct generic rate. Pradaxa® brand capsule will require a DAW code of nine (9) to ensure the claim is processed as a plan prefers brand (PPB) product and pays at the brand rate. **After 09/01/2025**, brand Pradaxa® capsule will no longer be considered the plan preferred brand product while the generic will become the preferred option.

Generic dabigatran etexilate will move to the preferred medications on the Arkansas Medicaid preferred drug list (PDL) in place of the Pradaxa® brand name.

For any questions, contact the Prime Therapeutics Help Desk at 800-424-7895.

Sincerely,

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