

HEALTH PLAN OF SAN JOAQUIN					
<b>Subject: Formulary Management by Pharmacy Staff</b>					
<b>Department:</b> Medical Management		<b>Unit:</b> Pharmacy		<b>Policy #:</b> PH02	
<b>Effective Date:</b> 9/17/2013		<b>Committee/Approval Date:</b> P&T 9/17/2013		<b>Review/Revision Dates:</b> 09/13, 09/14, 09/15	
<b>Applies To:</b>	Medi-Cal	Yes	X	No	
	MCAP	Yes	X	No	
	TPA	Yes	X	No	

**POLICY**

- A. The Health Plan of San Joaquin (HPSJ) Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee is responsible for the development, review and approval of the HPSJ Formulary. Under the oversight of the P&T Committee, HPSJ pharmacy staff may make changes to the Formulary where there is no potentially adverse clinical implication but the change will result in an improvement in members’ access to appropriate drugs.

**PROCEDURE**

- A. Pharmacy staff may:
1. Add newly available strengths or dosage forms of current Formulary agents.
    - a. Such line extension does not apply to extended release dosage forms which are subject to P&T review.
  2. Add newly available A-rated generics of current Formulary brand name agents.
  3. Remove Formulary brand name drugs when their patents expire. This must be accompanied by the addition of the corresponding A-rated generic drugs.
- B. The process outlined in Policy PH12 (formulary known as UM34), Generic Substitution, is followed with respect to drugs where a generic equivalent exist

**REFERENCE**

- A. NCQA Standard UM13 – Procedures for Pharmaceutical Management

<b>Health Plan of San Joaquin</b>
<b>Approval: Signatures on File</b>

***DHCS Contract Deliverables***

<i>Contract Reference</i>	<i>Date of Approval</i>	<i>DHCS Unit</i>		<i>Contract Reference</i>	<i>Date of Approval</i>	<i>DHCS Unit</i>