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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor – Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor – S. Anthony McCann, Secretary

MEMORANDUM

To: All Comprehensive Care Facilities
From: Wendy Kronmiller, Director
Date: December 10, 2006
Re: Bulk purchase of OTC medications - Comprehensive Care Facilities

As referenced in COMAR 10.07.02.15 C(1)(h) the Office of Health Care Quality has the authority to designate certain over the counter medications that are exempt from resident specific labeling requirements and may therefore be purchased in bulk by State-licensed comprehensive and extended care facilities. Over recent months, OHCQ has worked with the Maryland Board of Pharmacy to expand this list. I am please to provide you with an updated list of such medications as outlined below, which is effective immediately:

Oral:

Acetaminophen 325 milligram tablets	Colace liquid	Tums
Acetaminophen liquid	Maalox	Throat lozenges
Aspirin 5 grain tablets	Milk of Magnesia	
Colace 100 milligrams capsules	Multivitamins	

Topical:

A & D Ointment	Normal Saline	Skin Lotions
Bacitracin	Pericare Solutions	Triple Antibiotic Ointment
Desitin	Peroxide	

Rectal:

Fleets enema

The purchase of brand name medications or their generic equivalent is equally acceptable. Facilities are reminded that any medication which requires a prescription would automatically be excluded from this list. Additionally, while medications on this list are exempt from resident specific labeling requirements, it is important for facilities to remember that all other applicable regulations apply. Please direct any questions or comments regarding this memo to William Vaughan RN, Chief Nurse at 410-402-8140.

cc: Adele Wilzack, President, HFAM
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