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Dear Susan:

The Iowa Medicaid Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Commission met on Wednesday, August 6, 2008. On behalf of the DUR Commission, I respectfully submit the following recommendation:

1) The DUR Commission reviewed the recommendation from the Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee meeting on June 16, 2008 regarding the drug, Pristiq™. The P&T Committee had recommended that due to a lack of documented benefit at doses greater than 50mg per day, a quantity limit of 30 tablets per 30 days be implemented on both the 50mg and 100mg strengths of Pristiq™. The DUR Commission expressed no objections to this recommendation. The Commission will further discuss this issue at their September meeting with updated information on the ability to split the 100mg tablet and may modify their recommendation on the quantity limit for the 100mg strength.

Thank you in advance for the Department's consideration of these recommendations.

Sincerely,

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