

18 January 2008

Re: **Prexige® (lumiracoxib) withdraw**

Dear CarewarePBM Client

Herewith please receive notice that Novartis has informed Careware of the immediate withdraw of Prexige (all strengths) from SA Healthcare Market. Please see attached letter from Novartis (Pty) Ltd.

Extract from Novartis letter attached: *“Novartis is complying with a decision by the Medicines Control Council (MCC) to withdraw all strengths of Prexige® (lumiracoxib) from the market. Effective immediately, Prexige® may no longer be dispensed to patients.”*

Careware has amended the Careware Product File to accommodate this request, therefore all claims for Prexige® with a service date prior to the withdraw date, will still qualify for appropriate Scheme Benefits (dependant on the Medical Scheme benefit design and applicable rules), but all service dates or dispensed dates from 18 January 2008 will be rejected.

Please feel free to contact Careware, if you require more information on this notice or related Careware Product File information.

Regards

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