Dear Pharmacists,

Effective September 1, 2007, FirstCarolinaCare Insurance Company, Inc. (FirstCarolinaCare) will expand the voluntary tablet splitting program, “Split the Pill, Split Your Bill” to include more medications. FirstCarolinaCare will continue sharing the cost savings with participating patients and their pharmacies. Patients can save 50% on the cost of their copayment by splitting a higher-strength tablet. At the same time, the patient’s pharmacy will receive an increased dispensing fee of $2.50 per prescription.

### New Additions to Tablet Splitting Program

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### How does the Tablet Splitting Program Work?

The program is limited to the medications listed above and is only available for a 30-day supply at the retail pharmacy. This program is not available for mail order or Choice90 prescriptions.

Patients are encouraged to discuss the Tablet Splitting Program with their provider or pharmacist to determine their eligibility for the program. If the patient is eligible and willing to participate in the program, the patient will need a new prescription for:

1. Higher Strength Tablet
2. Quantity of 15 (30 day supply)
3. New directions: Take ½ tablet daily

The pharmacy will process the new prescription with the correct quantity and days’ supply. This information is very important and will ensure that the patient pays the correct copayment (1/2 of usual) and that the pharmacy receives the higher dispensing fee. The pharmacy also can process a claim for one of the covered tablet splitters. The member will have a $0 copayment, and the pharmacy will receive $5 per tablet splitter with a maximum of two per year for each member participating in the program.

We hope this update on the Tablet Splitting Program is helpful for you and your patients who can benefit from the cost savings of tablet splitting. Please share this information with your pharmacy staff to ensure everyone is educated about the program. If you have any questions, please contact our clinical pharmacist, Elise McInnis, at 910-715-1908.

Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Lewis, President
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**Targeted Medications**
- Lipitor 10mg, 20mg, 40mg, 80mg
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**New Prescription**
- Higher-Strength Tablets
- Quantity of 15 (30-day supply)
- New directions: Take 1/2 tablet daily
- Tablet splitter

The quantity and days' supply must be entered correctly in order for the patient to receive 50% reduction in copayment and pharmacy to receive higher dispensing fee.

**Tablet Splitter**
- Process claim through pharmacy benefit for one of the covered tablet splitters for $0 copayment
- Only the following tablet splitters are covered:
  - NDC #25715-0671-37 — Ezy Dose Pill Splitter
  - NDC #02571-5670-15 — Ezy Dose Tablet Cutter
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  - NDC #02571-5677-67 — Ezy Dose Deluxe Tablet Cutter
  - NDC #02571-5678-30 — Ezy Dose Adult-Lock Safety Tablet Cutter
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- Must process medication claim first before tablet splitter will adjudicate
- FCC will reimburse pharmacy for two tablet splitters per year per member participating in program
- Call MedImpact at (800) 788-2949 for questions or help processing claim

**Point of Service (POS) Reminder**
A POS message will appear on the targeted medications for this program. The message will read “50% copay reduction available if use half-tab of next higher strength.” We hope this reminder will be helpful for you to educate your patients on the potential for them to save money.

**Pharmacy Reimbursement**
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