



## Connect eNewsletter January 2009 Edition

### **Changes to Referral Pre-Auth. Requirements**

Health First Network recently made changes to the Referral Pre-Authorization Requirements for VISTA, VISTA Healthy Kids, WellCare and HealthEase. These changes will be positive time-savers for both PCP and Specialist offices. For a summary of the changes [click here](#).

### **New additions to our website**

Health First Network is pleased to announce several new additions to our website.

First, we added a number of downloadable forms under the [Reference sheets by health plan](#) section. Here you can locate: referral forms, pre-certification forms, formularies, services requiring authorization, reference sheets (who to call) and a number of other forms which can be of help to our physician offices.

Secondly, we have expanded our [Physicians Resources and Education](#) page to include links to various websites offering Continuing Medical Education credits. There are over 1600 Hours of CME credit hours available for Primary Care Physicians and Specialists.

And lastly, under our [Commonly Used Forms](#) page, we have added downloadable school forms, a drug evaluation form, and a commercial driver – physical examination form.

We hope that you find these new additions useful.

### **HealthEase Formulary and Quick Reference Sheets**

A complete list of [covered prescription medications](#) is posted on the [hfni website](#) or on the [WellCare website](#).

As Formulary Updates and Quick Reference Take Away Sheets become available from HealthEase Health Plan and other plans, Health First Network will post them on the website.

Health First Network thanks you for your participation in the HealthEase product and for your exceptional service and care of these members.

### **2009 HealthEase Medicaid Cough and Cold Alternative Drug List**

The cough and cold season is always a busy time of year for Primary Care Physicians. To assist Physicians who care for HealthEase members, the HealthEase Pharmacy Department has compiled a list of the most common cough and cold medications that are available with a prescription for Florida HealthEase Medicaid members. Since there are numerous products available to treat the symptoms of cough and cold, and many are non-formulary products or combination drugs, this list was created as a reference for Physicians. Please refer to the [Medicaid Cough and Cold Alternative Drug List](#) for the complete list of those drugs which are non-formulary and those that are Preferred Formulary Drugs.

### **Health First Network helps to support the Fricker Community Center's Children's Christmas Event**

Creatively and energetically, Health First Network staff helped harness resources to support a Children's Holiday Party on December 20, 2008, at the Fricker Community Center. Called on to support a Children's Christmas Event for approximately 200 youth and their families, who attend the Fricker Community Center's After-School Program, Health First Network coordinated with partner health plans, VISTA, HealthEase and Blue Cross/Blue Shield, to provide an enjoyable, memorable event for what turned out to be over 350 children and their families. To learn more about this event [click here](#).