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MEMORANDUM

TO: Participating Pharmacists

FROM: Ronald Taniguchi, Pharm. D.
Director, Pharmacy Management

SUBJECT: Azathioprine Class I Recall

HMSA would like to ensure that you are aware that Roxane Laboratories recently conducted a nationwide voluntary recall of a single manufacturing lot of azathioprine tablets, USP 50 mg (NDC 00054-4084-25, Lot 558470A, Exp Mar 2009). The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) subsequently classified it as a Class I Recall.

It was determined that a single bottle of azathioprine tablets from Lot 558470A contained methotrexate tablets USP 2.5 mg. While this error may be limited to that single bottle, a recall of the whole manufacturing lot was instituted to avoid any possibility of another such bottle being dispensed.

Additional information regarding the Class I Recall can be found on the FDA website at www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/roxane07_06.html.

HMSA is notifying members who are currently using azathioprine 50 mg tablets. Physicians who are currently prescribing this medication to HMSA members are also being notified. Based on FDA recommendations, our members will be given the information below to assist them in determining whether the Class I Recall is applicable to them:

- Visually inspect your azathioprine tablets
- Do not take azathioprine tablets marked with number “54 323”
- If you have azathioprine tablets marked with number “54 323,” immediately contact your pharmacy or physician
- Contact your pharmacy or physician if you have any questions about your prescription or medication

Requests for additional information should be referred to Roxane Laboratories Technical Product Department at 1 (800) 962-8364.

If you have any questions about this notification, please call a Teleservice Representative at 948-6330 on Oahu or 1 (800) 790-4672 from the Neighbor Islands for private business plans, or 948-6486 on Oahu or 1 (800) 440-0640 from the Neighbor Islands for the HMSA Plan for QUEST Members.