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Date: February 6, 2007  
To: Iowa Medicaid Providers  
From: Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)  
Subject: Quinine Coverage by Iowa Medicaid

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has ordered the removal of all unapproved drug products containing quinine from the market, citing serious safety concerns and deaths associated with their use. As a result, unapproved quinine products will be removed from coverage effective immediately.

Only one quinine product, Qulaquin (made by Mutual) is approved by the FDA and is indicated only for the treatment of uncomplicated plasmodium falciparum malaria. This product will be listed on the Preferred Drug List (PDL) and will be nonpreferred (requiring a prior authorization). **Coverage will not be approved for off-label use.**