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TO: VMC Provider Staff, VMC NP/PA Provider staff, VMC Residents, VMC Faculty Staff, VMC Pharmacy Staff

FROM: Tom Bush, MD  
Chair, Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee

RE: Removal of Abilify® (Aripiprazole) from the Formulary

In a collaborative effort with the Department of Mental Health to prevent inappropriate and unnecessary use of Abilify® (Aripiprazole), the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee has decided to remove Abilify® from the Formulary.

Effective: **December 1, 2011**

- All **new prescriptions** for Aripiprazole will be required to undergo the non-formulary review process.
- The usual NFDR form will **NOT** be used.
- The “Abilify Criteria for Use” form will take the place of the NFDR form. Please fill out this form legibly and completely. Follow the usual NFDR procedure to communicate between pharmacy, provider, and reviewer.
- The form can be found on Valley Pages → P&T portal → forms. Providers may choose to type and print this form out (instead of hand-printing).
- Alternatively, the form can also be located on [www.sccmhd.org](http://www.sccmhd.org).
- The “Abilify Criteria for Use” form is attached for your reference.