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Subject: Best Practice Advisory: Levothyroxine Injection  
To: DUHS Physicians and Pharmacists  
From: The Center for Medication Policy

Levothyroxine Injection Cost Update:  
- The cost of levothyroxine injection is now approximately $100 per dose.  
- The injection is about 250 times more expensive than the oral tablet or liquid ($0.40/dose).

DUHS Actions:  
- Beginning the evening of Thursday, September 21st, a best practice advisory (BPA) will display to prescribers ordering levothyroxine injection.  
  o The BPA will show the cost difference between the injectable and oral dosage forms  
  o Prescribers will have the option to order the tablet or liquid within the BPA  
  o Prescribers will be prompted within the BPA to select a reason for injection use  
- The formulary status of levothyroxine injection has not changed.  
- If using the injection, the conversion should be approximately 1 mcg IV : 2 mcg PO.  
- Prescribers ordering the 200 mcg/500 mL infusion will not receive the BPA.

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