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## IMPORTANT NOTICE Participating Pharmacies of MCS Life Insurance Company

## Proper use of ivermectin drug

Our pharmacies are key for allowing our insured to access their prescription in an adequate and efficient manner. As part of our commitment to keep you informed, and with our focus in ensuring the well-being of our insured, we want to inform you about appropriate use of **ivermectin** drug.

Ivermectin is an antiparasitic drug approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use in humans to **treat a variety of parasitic infections**, **including parasitic worms**, **lice**, **scabies and other infections**. It is available in the following forms: 3 milligram tablets and 1% cream.

Ivermectin can be an extremely dangerous drug if used for prevention or treatment for COVID-19, since it has not been approved, nor has it received authorization for emergency use by the FDA. The National Institutes of Health's (NIH), the FDA, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have stated that there is insufficient data to recommend the drug ivermectin for COVID-19 treatment. On February 2021, the manufacturer of Stomectol (ivermectin) stated that they do not recommend the use of this drug to prevent and/or treat COVID-19 due to lack of safety and efficacy.

Thank you for your continued efforts to ensure safe and accurate medication dispensing for MCS Life insured.

Cordially,

Pharmacy Department