



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What changes are being made to the 2010 Part D formulary?

A: For 2010, we are removing approximately 75 medications from the formulary. However, we still cover a large majority of Medicare Part D-covered medications.

All of the medications being removed are either brand-names that have exact generic equivalents available or brand-names with current formulary alternatives. Approximately 17 additional medications will require prior authorization starting in 2010.

We originally intended to “grandfather” current members on medications that we changed to non-formulary. We have since learned that this is not permitted by the CMS, which requires that we apply our formulary equally across all beneficiaries.

To comply with CMS guidelines, we will:

- Allow members to continue to receive these non-formulary medications through our standard transition process
- Notify members about how they may continue these non-formulary medications (via the exceptions process) or switch to therapeutic formulary options

This process allows us to comply with CMS guidelines while giving members an avenue for requesting coverage of non-formulary medications when medically necessary and/or encouraging them to save money with formulary options.

Currently covered brand-name medications that are moved to non-formulary in 2010 will not be covered.

New or existing members currently taking these medications may receive a 30-day supply under the standard transition process. During the transition, we will notify the member about formulary options to reduce their out-of-pocket costs or explain how to work with their provider to submit an exception request.

The transition process continues to apply to medications that require prior authorization.

Q: Will members be notified individually of these changes?

A: All of these changes will be outlined in the Annual Notification of Changes (ANOC) to be distributed with the 2010 formulary as required by CMS. Aside from the ANOC, we will not be sending an individual written communication to members. A notification for members will be posted on our Web sites, pending CMS approval.

Q: How will these changes affect current members who get prescriptions for these medications in 2010?

A: They will be allowed a transition supply per our standard transition process (see below). During the transition, we will notify the member about formulary options that can reduce their out-of-pocket costs or tell them how to work with their provider to submit an exception request.

Q: How will these changes affect members who are new on a plan in 2010?

A: They will be allowed a 30-day supply per our standard transition process. During the transition, we will notify the member about formulary options that can reduce their out-of-pocket costs or tell them how to work with their provider to submit an exception request.

2010 Medicare Part D Formulary Changes

Drugs Removed (Brands moved to Non-Formulary)

Aciphex	Mevacor*
Advicor	Mobic*
Altoprev	Naprosyn*
Ambien*/CR	Nexium
Amerge	Norpramin*
Anafranil*	Pamelor*
Anaprox*/DS*	Parnate*
Aplenzin	Paxil*/CR*

Atacand/HCT	Pravachol*
Avalide	Prevacid Naprapac
Avapro	Prilosec*
Avodart	Proscar*
Axert	Protonix*
Azor	Prozac*
Caduet	Rapaflo
Cardura*/XL	Rapiflux
Cataflam*	Remeron*/Soltab*
Celebrex	Rozerem
Celexa*	Sarafem
Clinoril*	Simcor
Cozaar	Sonata*
Daypro*	Surmontil
Diovan/HCT	Teveten/HCT
EC-Naprosyn*	Tofranil*/PM*
Effexor*/XR	Treximet
Eldepryl*	Vivactil
Exforge/HCT	Voltaren*/XR*
Feldene*	Vytorin
Flomax	Wellbutrin*/SR*/XL*
Frova	Zegerid
Hyzaar	Zocor*
Imitrex*/Statdose	Zoloft*
Indocin SR*	

Lescol*/XL	* denotes a brand with an exact generic equivalent
Lexapro	
Limbitrol*	
Lunesta	
Luvox CR	

Drugs added to prior authorization for 2010

Actonel/with Calcium

Anzemet

Beconase AQ

Benicar/HCT

Boniva

Micardis/HCT

Nasacort AQ

Nasonex

Omnaris

Pristiq

Qualaquin (already added in Oct 2009)

Rhinocort AQ

Veramyst

Xalatan

Zomig/ZMT

Drugs added to prior authorization during 2009

Adcirca

Afinitor

Promacta

Sancuso

Xenazine