BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois

2014 - 2015 Medicare Part D Formulary Changes

Blue Cross MedicareRx (PDP)SM/Blue Cross Medicare Advantage (HMO)SM/Blue Cross Medicare Advantage (HMO-POS)SM /Blue Cross Medicare Advantage (PPO)SM

The 2015 Medicare Part D annual Open Enrollment Period (OEP) began Oct. 15, 2014, and ended on Dec. 7, 2014. On Aug. 8, 2014, the BCBSIL 2015 Blue Cross MedicareRx[SM]/Blue Cross Medicare Advantage[SM] Medicare Part D Value and Ideal formularies were granted conditional approval by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

As with all Medicare Part D drug plans, you can expect a number of formulary and utilization management changes for 2015. Some of the changes were mandated by CMS (such as safety concerns, drugs that no longer meet the CMS definition of a "Part D medication," etc.) while others were a result of dynamic changes in the pharmaceutical marketplace. The Blue Cross MedicareRx/Blue Cross Medicare Advantage 2015 Part D formulary changes include the addition of some new drug therapies as well as the migration to some important generic equivalents (e.g., DETROL LA, EVISTA, CYMBALTA, ACTONEL, MICARDIS, AVELOX, etc.) that have and/or will become available in 2015.

A summary of all relevant changes to the 2014 - 2015 formulary (i.e., drug removals and new Prior Authorization and Step Therapy utilization management programs) was included in the Annual Notice of Change (ANOC) that was sent to all current members with Blue Cross MedicareRx/Blue Cross Medicare Advantage Medicare Part D plans. In addition, individual member letters were mailed in late November 2014, to alert our members of important 2015 formulary changes that may affect them. A copy of the 2015 formulary was also available on the BCBSIL website *(www.bcbsil.com)* in time for the start of the Medicare Part D OEP.

Please refer to the next page for a quick reference guide that includes the "Top 30" medications that are impacted by changes to the 2015 Blue Cross MedicareRx/Blue Cross Medicare Advantage Value and Ideal formularies and therefore, have the most potential to affect current members. Requests for coverage determinations for changes, when applicable, can be submitted by the prescribing physician after Dec. 1, 2014 with an effective date of Jan. 1, 2015.

Note: The shaded fields in the chart reflect changes to the VALUE FORMULARY ONLY! All other changes reflect changes to both Value and Ideal formularies.

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BCBSIL Blue Cross MedicareRx/Blue Cross Medicare Advantage
Top 30 Formulary Changes from 2014-2015

Affected Drug(s)	Description of Change	Formulary Alternative (if Applicable)
ACTONEL tabs, 150 mg	Is not covered on our 2015 formulary as there are generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives available. When you choose generic drugs, you get prescription medications that are: • FDA approved and regulated • Equal to brand-name drugs in terms of safety and effectiveness • Less expensive	risedronate
ACTONEL tabs, 5 mg, 30 mg, 35 mg	Is not covered on our 2015 Formulary	alendronate, ibandronate, Atelvia
AVELOX tabs	Is not covered on our 2015 formulary as there are generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives available. When you choose generic drugs, you get prescription medications that are: • FDA approved and regulated • Equal to brand-name drugs in terms of safety and effectiveness • Less expensive	moxifloxacin
BONIVA inj	Is not covered on our 2015 formulary as there are generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives available. When you choose generic drugs, you get prescription medications that are: • FDA approved and regulated • Equal to brand-name drugs in terms of safety and effectiveness • Less expensive	ibandronate inj
BYSTOLIC tabs	Is not covered on our 2015 Value formulary	Atenolol, metolprolol, and metoprolol ER
Cyclobenzaprine tabs, 7.5mg	Is not covered on our 2015 Value formulary	Baclofen, tizanidine

CYMBALTA caps	Is not covered on our 2015 formulary as there are generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives available. When you choose generic drugs, you get prescription medications that are: • FDA approved and regulated • Equal to brand-name drugs in terms of safety and effectiveness • Less expensive	duloxetine
cyproheptadine tabs	Is not covered on our 2015 formulary	Please check with your doctor
DETROL LA caps	Is not covered on our 2015 formulary as there are generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives available. When you choose generic drugs, you get prescription medications that are: • FDA approved and regulated • Equal to brand-name drugs in terms of safety and effectiveness • Less expensive	tolterodine ER
EVISTA tabs	Is not covered on our 2015 formulary as there are generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives available. When you choose generic drugs, you get prescription medications that are: • FDA approved and regulated • Equal to brand-name drugs in terms of safety and effectiveness • Less expensive	raloxifene
GAMMAGARD inj	Is not covered on our 2015 formulary	Gammaplex, Gamunex-C *Please note: These alternatives require prior authorization
GAMMAGARD SD inj	Is not covered on our 2015 Value formulary	Gammaplex, Gamunex-C *Please note: These alternatives require prior authorization
griseofulvin microsize tabs	Is not covered on our 2015 formulary	griseofulvin ultra 250mg
INTUNIV tabs	Is not covered on our 2015 formulary	clonidine ER
ISOSORBIDE DINITRATE tabs, 30mg	Is not covered on our 2015 Value formulary	Isosorbide mononitrate ER

JUVISYNC tabs	Is not covered on our 2015 Value formulary	Januvia taken in combination with simvastatin
lidocaine patch 5%	Is on our formulary, but requires prior authorization before we will continue coverage for this drug	Please work with your doctor to obtain approval for your medicine
LIDODERM patch 5%	Is not covered on our 2015 formulary as there are generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives available. When you choose generic drugs, you get prescription medications that are: • FDA approved and regulated • Equal to brand-name drugs in terms of safety and effectiveness • Less expensive	lidocaine patch *Please note: This alternative requires prior authorization.
methadone tabs	Is on our formulary; however quantity limits may apply	Please work with your doctor to determine an appropriate quantity of your medicine
METIPRANOLOL ophth soln	Is not covered on our 2015 Formulary	Betoptic S, betaxolol, carteolol, levobunolol, timolol, Isatolol, and timolol gel
METROGEL gel, 1%	Is not covered on our 2015 formulary as there are generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives available. When you choose generic drugs, you get prescription medications that are: • FDA approved and regulated • Equal to brand-name drugs in terms of safety and effectiveness • Less expensive	metronidazole
MICARDIS HCT tabs	Is not covered on our 2015 formulary as there are generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives available. When you choose generic drugs, you get prescription medications that are: • FDA approved and regulated • Equal to brand-name drugs in terms of safety and effectiveness • Less expensive	telmisartan/hydrochlorothiazide
MICARDIS tabs	Is not covered on our 2015 formulary as there are generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives available.	telmisartan

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MOVIPREP soln	Is not covered on our 2015 formulary	Suprep, PEG-3350, Gavilyte-C, Gavilyte-G, Gavilyte-N, Trilyte
MYFORTIC tabs	Is not covered on our 2015 formulary as there are generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives available. When you choose generic drugs, you get prescription medications that are: • FDA approved and regulated • Equal to brand-name drugs in terms of safety and effectiveness • Less expensive	mycophenolate
NEUPOGEN inj	Is not covered on our 2015 formulary	Granix, Neulasta
NIASPAN ER tabs	Is not covered on our 2015 formulary as there are generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives available. When you choose generic drugs, you get prescription medications that are: • FDA approved and regulated • Equal to brand-name drugs in terms of safety and effectiveness • Less expensive	niacin ER
NITROLINGUAL spray	Is not covered on our 2015 formulary as there are generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives available. When you choose generic drugs, you get prescription medications that are: • FDA approved and regulated • Equal to brand-name drugs in terms of safety and effectiveness • Less expensive	nitroglycerin spray

PRANDIN tabs	Is not covered on our 2015 formulary as there are generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives available. When you choose generic drugs, you get prescription medications that are: • FDA approved and regulated • Equal to brand-name drugs in terms of safety and effectiveness • Less expensive	repaglinide
PROTOPIC oint	Is not covered on our 2015 formulary	Elidel *Please note: This alternative is subject to Step Therapy
RAPAMUNE tab, 0.5mg	Is not covered on our 2015 Value formulary as there are generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives available. When you choose generic drugs, you get prescription medications that are: • FDA approved and regulated • Equal to brand-name drugs in terms of safety and effectiveness • Less expensive	Sirolimus
RAPAMUNE tabs, 1 mg, 2 mg	Is not covered on our 2015 formulary	sirolimus 0.5mg, tacrolimus
Risedronate tabs	Is not covered on our 2015 Value formulary	Alendronate, ibandronate
SORIATANE caps	Is not covered on our 2015 Value formulary as there are generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives available. When you choose generic drugs, you get prescription medications that are: • FDA approved and regulated • Equal to brand-name drugs in terms of safety and effectiveness • Less expensive	acitretin
STALEVO tabs	Is not covered on our 2015 formulary	carbidopa/levodopa/entacapone
VIMOVO tabs	Is not covered on our 2015 formulary	diclofenac/misoprostol
XYREM oral soln	Is on our formulary but requires prior authorization before we will continue coverage for this drug	Please work with your doctor to obtain approval for your medicine

ZEMPLAR caps	Is not covered on our 2015 formulary as there are generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives available. When you choose generic drugs, you get prescription medications that are: • FDA approved and regulated • Equal to brand-name drugs in terms of safety and effectiveness • Less expensive	paricalcitol

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