

## Medicare Part D Formulary Changes for 2010

The Medicare Part D annual six-week Open Enrollment Period (OEP) begins Nov. 15, 2009, and ends on Dec. 31, 2009. In mid-October, the 2010 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL) Medicare Part D formulary was approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and, as with all Medicare Part D drug plans, you can expect some changes for 2010. Some of the changes were mandated by CMS (safety concerns, drugs that no longer meet CMS's definition of a "Part D medication," etc.), but others were a result of dynamic changes in the pharmaceutical marketplace. BCBSIL's 2010 Medicare Part D formulary includes the addition of some new drug therapies, as well as the migration to some important generic equivalents that became available in 2009.

A copy of the 2010 formulary will be included in the Annual Notice of Change (ANOC) that is sent to all current members of HISC's Medicare Part D plans. In addition, individual member letters will be mailed in late November 2009, alerting members of 2010 formulary changes (removals, tier changes, new utilization management programs, etc.) affecting them. Finally, a copy of the 2010 formulary will be available on the BCBSIL Web site in time for the start of the Medicare Part D OEP. Please refer to our list below for a handy reference to the Top 25 medications that will be impacted by a change to the 2010 formulary and therefore, have the most potential to affect current members. Coverage determinations for changes can be submitted by the prescribing physician after Dec. 17, 2009, with an effective date of Jan. 1, 2010.

#	Formulary Change	2009 Tier	2010 Tier	Description of Formulary Change	Formulary Alternative if Applicable
1	Omeprazole CAP 20MG	1	1	Is on our formulary; however quantity limits may apply	On formulary, quantity limit may apply
2	FLOMAX CAP 0.4MG	2	3	Is on our formulary, but will be covered in a higher cost tier	On formulary, higher tier
3	TOPROL XL TAB 25, 50, 100, 200MG	3	Not on formulary	Is not covered on our 2010 formulary as there are generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives available. When you choose generic drugs, you get prescription medications that are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FDA approved and regulated</li> <li>• Equal to brand-name drugs in terms of safety and effectiveness</li> <li>• Less expensive</li> </ul>	Not on formulary, generic(s) available
4	Propoxyphene - N/APAP TAB 50/325, 100/500, 100/650MG	1	Not on formulary	Is not covered on our 2010 formulary <b>CMS – High Risk Medication</b>	ibuprofen, naproxen, acetaminophen w/ codeine, hydrocodone/acetaminophen
5	COZAAR TAB 25, 50, 100MG	2	3	Is on our formulary, but will be covered in a higher cost tier	On formulary, higher tier
6	COMBIVENT AER	2	Not on formulary	Is not covered on our 2010 formulary	Member should check with their doctor
7	COSOPT SOL 2-0.5%OP	3	Not on formulary	Is not covered on our 2010 formulary as there are generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives available. When you choose generic drugs, you get prescription medications that are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FDA approved and regulated</li> <li>• Equal to brand-name drugs in terms of safety and effectiveness</li> <li>• Less expensive</li> </ul>	Not on formulary, generic(s) available
8	HYZAAR TAB 50-12.5, 100-12.5, 100-25MG	2	3	Is on our formulary, but will be covered in a higher cost tier	On formulary, higher tier
9	Carisprodol TAB 350MG, ASA/COD TAB	1	Not on formulary	Is not covered on our 2010 formulary <b>CMS – High Risk Medication</b>	cyclobenzaprine, methocarbamol, tizanidine
10	LUMIGAN SOL 0.03%	3	Not on formulary	Is not covered on our 2010 formulary	TRAVATAN, TRAVATAN Z, XALANTAN
11	Colchicine TAB 0.6MG	1	Not on formulary	Is not covered on our 2010 formulary	COLCRYS
12	ARIMIDEX TAB 1MG	2	3	Is on our formulary, but will be covered in a higher cost tier	On formulary, higher tier

13	DEPAKOTE TAB 125, 250, 500MG DR; SPR CAP 125MG	3	Not on formulary	Is not covered on our 2010 formulary as there are generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives available. When you choose generic drugs, you get prescription medications that are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FDA approved and regulated</li> <li>• Equal to brand-name drugs in terms of safety and effectiveness</li> <li>• Less expensive</li> </ul>	Not on formulary, generic(s) available
14	KEPPRA TAB 250, 500, 750, 1000MG; SOL 100MG/ML	2	Not on formulary	Is not covered on our 2010 formulary as there are generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives available. When you choose generic drugs, you get prescription medications that are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FDA approved and regulated</li> <li>• Equal to brand-name drugs in terms of safety and effectiveness</li> <li>• Less expensive</li> </ul>	Not on formulary, generic(s) available
15	TOPAMAX TAB 25, 50, 100, 200MG	3	Not on formulary	Is not covered on our 2010 formulary as there are generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives available. When you choose generic drugs, you get prescription medications that are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FDA approved and regulated</li> <li>• Equal to brand-name drugs in terms of safety and effectiveness</li> <li>• Less expensive</li> </ul>	Not on formulary, generic(s) available
16	ALPHAGAN P SOL 0.15%	3	Not on formulary	Is not covered on our 2010 formulary	brimonidine 0.2% ophthalmic
17	NULYTELY SOL	2	Not on formulary	Is not covered on our 2010 formulary as there are generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives available. When you choose generic drugs, you get prescription medications that are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FDA approved and regulated</li> <li>• Equal to brand-name drugs in terms of safety and effectiveness</li> <li>• Less expensive</li> </ul>	Not on formulary, generic(s) available
18	FEMARA TAB 2.5MG	2	3	Is on our formulary, but will be covered in a higher cost tier	On formulary, higher tier
19	Dicyclomine TAB 20MG, CAP 10MG, SOL 10MG/5ML	1	Not on formulary	Is not covered on our 2010 formulary <b>CMS – High Risk Medication</b>	Member should check with their doctor
20	XOPENEX HFA AER	2	Not on formulary	Is not covered on our 2010 formulary	PROAIR HFA, VENTOLIN HFA
21	ACULAR LS SOL 0.4%; SOL 0.5% OP	2	3	Is on our formulary, but will be covered in a higher cost tier	On formulary, higher tier
22	TOBRADEX SUS OP	2	Not on formulary	Is not covered on our 2010 formulary as there are generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives available. When you choose generic drugs, you get prescription medications that are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FDA approved and regulated</li> <li>• Equal to brand-name drugs in terms of safety and effectiveness</li> <li>• Less expensive</li> </ul>	Not on formulary, generic(s) available
23	VALTREX TAB 500MG, 1GM	2	3	Is on our formulary, but will be covered in a higher cost tier	On formulary, higher tier
24	TRUSOPT SOL 2% OP	2	Not on formulary	Is not covered on our 2010 formulary as there are generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives available. When you choose generic drugs, you get prescription medications that are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FDA approved and regulated</li> <li>• Equal to brand-name drugs in terms of safety and effectiveness</li> <li>• Less expensive</li> </ul>	Not on formulary, generic(s) available
25	ASMANEX 30 AER 110MCG, 120 AER220 MCG	2	Not on formulary	Is not covered on our 2010 formulary	FLOVENT HFA, PULMICORT FLEXHALER, QVAR

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