Medicare Part D Formulary Changes



The formulary is a complete list of drugs covered by your Part D plan. We make changes to the formulary or Drug List at the beginning of the year (January 1) and occasionally, the plan will need to make changes to the formulary during the year.

Changes that may affect you:

- New generic or biosimilar drug - a brand name drug or an original biologic product may be removed from the formulary if we replace it with a newly approved generic version of the brand name drug or a new biosimilar of the original biological product. The new generic drug or biosimilar will be on the same or lower cost sharing tier and have the same or fewer restrictions as the brand name drug or original biological product. We may decide to keep the brand name drug or original biological product on our formulary, but immediately move it to a higher cost-sharing tier or add new restrictions.

- Drugs removed from the market - if the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) deems a drug on our formulary to be unsafe or the drug's manufacturer removes the drug from the market, we will immediately remove the drug from our formulary.

- Drugs with new restrictions - if the FDA or manufacturer releases FDA boxed warnings or new clinical guidelines that are recognized by Medicare, we will make the changes to the drug on our formulary.

Effective date	Drug Name	Formulary change	Alternative Drug(s)*
1/1/2027	Advair Diskus	Removed from the formulary. Another medication provides the same benefit at a lower cost.	Breo, Symbicort, Dulera
1/1/2027	Advair HFA	Removed from the formulary. Another medication provides the same benefit at a lower cost.	Breo, Symbicort, Dulera
1/1/2027	Aptiom	Removed from the formulary. Generic or biosimilar available.	eslicarbazepine
1/1/2027	azathioprine 75mg, 100mg	Removed from the formulary. Another medication provides the same benefit at a lower cost.	azathioprine 50mg

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1/1/2027	Baqsimi	Removed from the formulary. Another medication provides the same benefit at a lower cost.	Gvoke
1/1/2027	Besivance	Removed from the formulary. Generic or biosimilar available.	besifloxacin
1/1/2027	Cerdelga	High cost medication with no current member use	Discuss with provider
1/1/2027	Cipro HC	Removed from the formulary. Generic or biosimilar available.	ciprofloxacin-HC ear drop suspension
1/1/2027	clindamycin phosphate (generic Clindagel 1%)	Removed from the formulary. Another medication provides the same benefit at a lower cost.	clindamycin 1% gel (2 times daily)
1/1/2027	cyclobenzaprine 7.5mg†	Removed from the formulary. Safer alternatives exist.	baclofen, tizanidine
1/1/2027	Estring	Removed from the formulary. Another medication provides the same benefit at a lower cost.	estradiol vaginal cream, inserts
1/1/2027	Fycompa	Removed from the formulary. Generic or biosimilar available.	perampanel
1/1/2027	Ingrezza	Removed from the formulary. Another medication provides the same benefit at a lower cost.	Austedo, Austedo XR
1/1/2027	Joenja	High cost medication with no current member use.	Discuss with provider
1/1/2027	Juxtapid	High cost medication with no current member use.	Discuss with provider
1/1/2027	Miglustat	High cost medication with no current member use.	Discuss with provider
1/1/2027	nisoldipine	Removed from the formulary. Another medication provides the same benefit at a lower cost.	calcium channel blockers (e.g., amlodipine, felodipine, nifedipine)

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1/1/2027	Premarin vaginal cream	Removed from the formulary. Another medication provides the same benefit at a lower cost.	estradiol vaginal cream, inserts
1/1/2027	Prolia	Removed from the formulary. Generic or biosimilar available.	Bildyos, Enoby
1/1/2027	Spritam	Removed from the formulary. Generic or biosimilar available.	levetiracetam tablet for oral suspension
1/1/2027	Stelara/ustekinumab	Removed from the formulary. Generic or biosimilar available.	Selarsdi, Yesintek
1/1/2027	Teflaro	Removed from the formulary. Generic or biosimilar available.	ceftaroline
1/1/2027	Xarelto 5mg, 10mg, 20mg Xarelto Starter Pak Xarelto 1mg/ml	Removed from the formulary. Another medication provides the same benefit at a lower cost.	Eliquis
1/1/2027	Xerese	Removed from the formulary. Another medication provides the same benefit at a lower cost.	acyclovir 5% topical ointment
1/1/2027	Xgeva	Removed from the formulary. Generic or biosimilar available.	Bilprevda, Xtrenbo
1/1/2027	Xhance	Removed from the formulary. Another medication provides the same benefit at a lower cost.	mometasone nasal spray, flunisolide nasal spray, fluticasone nasal spray
1/1/2027	Zylet	Removed from the formulary. Generic or biosimilar available.	loteprednol-tobramycin ophthalmic

† Generic cyclobenzaprine 5 mg and 10 mg tablets are formulary drugs. Talk with your healthcare provider about baclofen and tizanidine which are safer alternatives.

Please refer to your specific plan's formulary list for drug coverage and tier placement. Note: Given the individualized nature of drug therapy, please talk to your provider to determine if the alternative drug(s) listed are appropriate for you.

If you have any questions, please contact Customer Care at 1-877-883-9577 (TTY 711), 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. From October 1 to March 31, representatives are also available weekends from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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