

Quarterly pharmacy formulary change notice

Summary of change: The formulary changes listed in the table below were reviewed and approved at our third quarter Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee meeting.

Effective February 1, 2018, the changes outlined below apply to all Amerigroup Community Care patients in Maryland.

Effective for new starts on February 1, 2018		
Therapeutic class	Drug	Revised status
Miscellaneous analgesics: codeine-containing agents*	ALL RX AND OTC PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN CODEINE	Add age limit — prior authorization (PA) required for all members less than 12 years of age
Miscellaneous analgesics: tramadol-containing agents*	ULTRAM 50 MG TABLET TRAMADOL HCL 50 MG TABLET CONZIP 100 MG CAPSULE CONZIP 200 MG CAPSULE CONZIP 300 MG CAPSULE TRAMADOL HCL ER 100 MG TABLET TRAMADOL HCL ER 200 MG TABLET TRAMADOL HCL ER 300 MG TABLET TRAMADOL HCL ER 100 MG CAPSULE TRAMADOL HCL ER 150 MG CAPSULE TRAMADOL HCL ER 200 MG CAPSULE TRAMADOL HCL ER 300 MG CAPSULE ULTRACET TABLET TRAMADOL-ACETAMINOPHN 37.5-325	Add age limit — PA required for all members less than 18 years of age

What action do I need to take?

Please review these changes and work with your Amerigroup patients to transition them to formulary alternatives. If you determine preferred formulary alternatives are not clinically appropriate for specific patients, you will need to obtain PA to continue coverage beyond the applicable effective date.

What if I need assistance?

We recognize the unique aspects of patients' cases. If for medical reasons your Amerigroup patient cannot be converted to a formulary alternative, call our Pharmacy department at 1-800-454-3730 and follow the voice prompts for pharmacy PA. You can find the *Preferred Drug List* on our provider website at <https://providers.amerigroup.com/MD>. If you need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.

* No changes in preferred/nonpreferred status revision or addition to Utilization Management edit only.