

# Provider Update

## Quarterly pharmacy formulary change notice

**Summary of change:** The Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (P&T) reviewed and approved the formulary changes listed in the table below on March 29, 2016.

✦ **What this means to you:** The changes outlined below apply to all Amerigroup Washington, Inc. patients effective April 15, June 1, August 1 and October 1, 2016, respectively.

### What is the impact of this change?

Therapeutic class	Drug	Revised status	Potential alternatives
<b>Effective for all patients on April 15, 2016</b>			
<b>NALOXONE PRODUCTS</b>	NALOXONE 0.4 MILLIGRAM (MG)/ MILLILITER (ML) SYRINGE NALOXONE 2 MG/2 ML SYRINGE NALOXONE 0.4 MG/ML VIAL NALOXONE 4 MG/10 ML VIAL NARCAN 4 MG NASAL SPRAY	PREFERRED	NOT APPLICABLE (N/A)
<b>Effective for all patients on June 1, 2016</b>			
<b>ANTHELMINTICS</b>	IVERMECTIN 3 MG TABLET ALBENZA 200 MG TABLET BILTRICIDE 600 MG TABLET	PREFERRED	N/A
<b>INTRANASAL STEROIDS</b>	TRIAMCINOLONE 55 MICROGRAM (MCG) NASAL SPRAY FLUTICASON PROPIONATE 50 MCG SPRAY (RX)	PREFERRED	N/A
<b>INTRANASAL STEROIDS</b>	FLUTICASON PROPIONATE 50 MCG SPRAY (OTC) PV FLUTICASON PROPIONATE 50 MCG SPRAY FLONASE ALLERGY RELIEF 50 MCG SPRAY CHILD FLONASE ALLERGY RELIEF 50 MCG	BENEFIT EXCLUSION FOR WASHINGTON	PRESCRIPTION STRENGTH: FLUTICASON NASAL SPRAY TRIAMCINOLONE NASAL SPRAY



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<b>DIABETIC SUPPLIES AND TEST STRIPS</b>	TRUE METRIX TEST STRIPS	PREFERRED WITH QUANTITY LIMIT (QL)	N/A
<b>Effective for all patients on August 1, 2016</b>			
<b>ORAL ESTROGEN</b>	MENEST 0.3 MG TABLET MENEST 0.625 MG TABLET MENEST 1.25 MG TABLET MENEST 2.5 MG TABLET	NONPREFERRED	ESTRADIOL 0.5 MG, 1 MG, 2 MG TABLET ESTROPIPATE 0.625 (0.75 MG), 1.25 (1.5 MG) and 2.5 (3 MG) TABLET
<b>ORAL ESTROGEN</b>	PREMARIN 0.3 MG TABLET PREMARIN 0.625 MG TABLET PREMARIN 0.9 MG TABLET PREMARIN 1.25 MG TABLET PREMARIN 0.45 MG TABLET	NONPREFERRED	ESTRADIOL 0.5 MG, 1 MG, 2 MG TABLET ESTROPIPATE 0.625 (0.75 MG), 1.25 (1.5 MG) and 2.5 (3 MG) TABLET
<b>ACNE – GENERIC TOPICAL TRETINOINS</b>	TRETINOIN GEL MICRO 0.1% TUBE TRETINOIN 0.05% EMOLLIENT CREAM	PREFERRED	N/A
<b>ACNE – GENERIC TOPICAL ANTI-INFECTIVES</b>	CLINDAMYCIN PH 1% GEL	PREFERRED	N/A
<b>ACNE – GENERIC TOPICAL ANTI-INFECTIVES</b>	ERYTHROMYCIN 2% SOLUTION	NONPREFERRED	CLINDAMYCIN PH 1% GEL ERYTHROMYCIN 2% PLEDGETS ERYTHROMYCIN 2% SOLUTION
<b>ACNE THERAPY</b>	ADAPALENE	STEP THERAPY (ST) REQUIRED	TRETINOIN 0.01% GEL TRETINOIN 0.025% GEL TRETINOIN 0.05% GEL TRETINOIN 0.025% CREAM TRETINOIN 0.05% CREAM TRETINOIN 0.1% CREAM

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<b>GENERIC LONG-ACTING NARCOTICS</b>	GENERIC AVINZA: MORPHINE SULFATE EXTENDED RELEASE (ER) 30 MG CAP MORPHINE SULFATE ER 45 MG CAP MORPHINE SULFATE ER 60 MG CAP MORPHINE SULFATE ER 75 MG CAP MORPHINE SULFATE ER 90 MG CAP MORPHINE SULFATE ER 120 MG CAP GENERIC KADIAN: MORPHINE SULFATE ER 10 MG CAP MORPHINE SULFATE ER 20 MG CAP MORPHINE SULFATE ER 30 MG CAP MORPHINE SULFATE ER 50 MG CAP MORPHINE SULFATE ER 60 MG CAP MORPHINE SULFATE ER 80 MG CAP MORPHINE SULFATE ER 100 MG CAP	NONPREFERRED CURRENT UTILIZERS WILL BE GRANDFATHERED	MORPHINE SULFATE ER TABLET METHADONE SOLUTION METHADONE TABLET METHADOSE FENTANYL 25 MICROGRAM/HOUR (MCG/HR) PATCH FENTANYL 50 MCG/HR PATCH FENTANYL 75 MCG/HR PATCH FENTANYL 12 MCG/HR PATCH FENTANYL 100 MCG/HR PATCH
<b>AGENTS FOR TUBERCULOSIS (TB)</b>	PRIFTIN 150 MG TABLET	PREFERRED	N/A
<b>WILSON'S DISEASE</b>	DEPEN TITRATAB SYPRINE CAPSULES	PREFERRED	N/A
<b>ANTI-FUNGAL</b>	VORICONAZOLE VIAL VORICONAZOLE SUSPENSION VORICONAZOLE TABLET	PRIOR AUTHORIZATION (PA) REQUIRED	N/A
<b>SGLT2S</b>	JARDIANCE 10 MG TABLET JARDIANCE 25 MG TABLET SYNJARDY 5-500 MG TABLET SYNJARDY 12.5-500 MG TABLET SYNJARDY 5-1,000 MG TABLET	PREFERRED WITH ST	N/A

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DIABETIC SUPPLIES AND TEST STRIPS	ALL DIABETIC TEST STRIPS	NONPREFERRED WITH QL < 18 YEARS OF AGE – 200/MONTH ADULTS 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER (NO INSULIN) – 50/MONTH ADULTS 18 YEARS FO AGE AND OLDER (ON INSULIN) – 150/MONTH	N/A
DIABETIC SUPPLIES AND TEST STRIPS	LANCETS	ADD QL < 18 YEARS OF AGE – 200/MONTH ADULTS 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER (NO INSULIN) – 100/MONTH ADULTS 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER (ON INSULIN) – 200/MONTH	N/A
MISCELLANEOUS PULMONARY AGENTS	PULMOZYME TYVASO UPTRAVI	PA REQUIRED	N/A
ANTI-VIRAL AGENTS	ZOVIRAX CREAM XERESE DENA VIR CREAM SITAVIG BUCCAL TABLET	ADD QL	N/A
ANTI-VIRAL AGENTS	VIRAZOLE VIAL	PA REQUIRED	N/A
BENIGN PROSTATIC HYPERPLASIA (BPH) THERAPY	AVODART JALYN	ADD AGE LIMIT AND GENDER LIMIT	N/A
INTERLEUKINS	ARCALYST INJECTION (INJ) ILARIS VIAL	ADD QL	N/A
MISCELLANEOUS RHEUMATOLOGICAL AGENTS	ACTEMRA VIALS/SYRINGE KINERET SYRINGE ORENCIA VIAL/SYRINGE	ADD QL	N/A
MISCELLANEOUS RHEUMATOLOGICAL AGENTS	HUMIRA PEN INJECTOR KIT HUMIRA SYRINGE KIT	QUANTITY LIMIT REVISION	N/A
MISCELLANEOUS GASTROINTESTINAL AGENTS	CIMZIA VIAL	ADD QL	N/A
MISCELLANEOUS CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS	RANEXA ER	PA REQUIRED	N/A
MISCELLANEOUS CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS	AGGRENOX	ST REQUIRED	N/A

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<b>AGENTS FOR ACTINIC KERATOSIS</b>	CARAC EFUDEX FLUOROPLEX PICATO ZYCLARA	ST REQUIRED	N/A
<b>FLUOROQUINOLONE OTIC</b>	CETRAXAL 0.2% EAR SOLUTION CIPRO HC OTIC SUSPENSION	ST REQUIRED	N/A
<b>MISCELLANEOUS ANTIDEPRESSANTS</b>	APLENZIN ER FORFIVO XL	PA REQUIRED	N/A
<b>ANTI-PLATELET DRUGS</b>	ZONTIVITY DURLAZA ER	PA REQUIRED	N/A
<b>ANTI-PLATELET DRUGS</b>	BRILINTA	ADD QL	N/A
<b>MISCELLANEOUS PULMONARY AGENTS</b>	DALIRESP	PA REQUIRED	N/A
<b>MISCELLANEOUS PULMONARY AGENTS</b>	UTIBRON NEOHALER SEEBRI NEOHALER	QL ADDED	N/A
<b>ALZHEIMER'S THERAPY AGENTS</b>	NAMZARIC	PA REQUIRED	N/A
<b>MISCELLANEOUS OPHTHALMOLOGICS</b>	RESTASIS EYE EMULSION	PA REQUIRED	N/A
<b>MISCELLANEOUS AGENTS</b>	ORFADIN STRENSIQ	PA REQUIRED	N/A
<b>MISCELLANEOUS AGENTS</b>	XURIDEN GRANULE	PA REQUIRED ADD QL	N/A
<b>HEPATITIS B TREATMENT AGENTS</b>	TYZEKA	PA REQUIRED	N/A
<b>MISCELLANEOUS NEUROLOGICAL THERAPY</b>	HORIZANT ER	PA REQUIRED	N/A
<b>NSAIDS</b>	DUEXIS VIMOVO	ST REQUIRED	N/A
<b>MISCELLANEOUS ANTI-NEOPLASTIC DRUGS</b>	COTELLIC TAGRISSO NINLARO ALECENSA	PA REQUIRED	N/A
<b>TREATMENT (TX) FOR ADHD/NARCOLEPSY</b>	QUILLICHEW DYANAVEL SUSPENSION	PA REQUIRED ADD QL	N/A
<b>TOPICAL CORTICOSTEROIDS</b>	DERMACIN RX SILAZONE	PA REQUIRED	N/A
<b>ANTI-PSORIATIC/ ANTI-SEBORRHEIC</b>	STELARA COSENTYX	QL REVISION	N/A
<b>ANTI-CONVULSANTS</b>	SPRITAM	ADD QL	N/A

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<b>ORAL INHALED (INH) CORTICOSTEROIDS</b>	ARNUITY ELLIPTA 100 MCG INH ARNUITY ELLIPTA 200 MCG INH	PREFERRED	N/A
<b>ORAL INHALED CORTICOSTEROIDS</b>	ASMANEX TWISTHALER 110 MCG ASMANEX TWISTHALER 220 MCG ASMANEX HFA 100 MCG INHALER ASMANEX HFA 200 MCG INHALER PULMICORT 180 MCG FLEXHALER PULMICORT 90 MCG FLEXHALER FLOVENT HFA 110 MCG INHALER FLOVENT HFA 44 MCG INHALER FLOVENT HFA 220 MCG INHALER FLOVENT 50 MCG DISKUS FLOVENT 100 MCG DISKUS FLOVENT 250 MCG DISKUS QVAR 40 MCG ORAL INHALER QVAR 80 MCG ORAL INHALER	NONPREFERRED	AEROSPAN ARNUITY ELLIPTA
<b>ORAL INHALED CORTICOSTEROIDS COMBINATION</b>	SYMBICORT 80-4.5 MCG INHALER SYMBICORT 160-4.5 MCG INHALER	NONPREFERRED	BREO-ELLIPTA DULERA ST REQUIRED
<b>ORAL INHALED CORTICOSTEROIDS COMBINATION</b>	BREO ELLIPTA 200-25 MCG INH BREO ELLIPTA 100-25 MCG INH	PREFERRED	N/A

**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 prior authorization 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 prior authorization. You can find the Preferred Drug List on our provider website at <https://providers.amerigroup.com/WA>.

If you need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.