

Upcoming Changes to the RMHP Medicare Formulary

- RMHP works actively to ensure that the drugs included on its Medicare Part D formularies are available, safe, and efficacious at all times.
- RMHP must, at times, remove drugs (i.e., make a “negative change”) from its Medicare Part D formularies that do not meet this criteria.
- RMHP must also remove drugs from the formulary to maintain consistency with the CMS “formulary reference file”, a listing of those drugs that can be included on plans’ Part D formularies.
- All negative changes are communicated to affected Members via first class mail. Negative changes due to patient safety concerns and/or FDA regulatory action are made and communicated immediately by RMHP.
- All other negative changes are communicated to affected Members via their Part D Explanation of Benefits documentation, at least sixty (60) days in advance of the effective date of the change.
- The following changes to the Medicare Part D Formulary have occurred during Calendar Year 2011:

Affected Drug**	Strength/Formulation	Change	Reason*	Effective Date
January Formulary Updates – None				
February Formulary Updates – None				
March Formulary Updates – None				
April Formulary Updates - None				
May Formulary Updates – None				
June Formulary Updates - None				
July Formulary Updates – None				
August Formulary Updates - To Be Determined				
September Formulary Updates – To Be Determined				
October Formulary Updates – To Be Determined				

* ‘FRF Removal’ refers to a CMS’ mandated removal of the indicated NDC from the Formulary Reference File. ‘OTC Availability’ refers to new availability of the indicated NDC as an Over The Counter product. ‘Safety Concerns’ refers to a product which is removed from the market due to FDA safety concerns. ‘Manufacturer’ refers to a product which is removed from the market due to discontinuation by the manufacturer.

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November Formulary Updates – To Be Determined
December Formulary Updates – To Be Determined

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