

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 2008:

Affected Drug**	Strength/Formulation	Change	Reason*	Effective Date
March Formulary Updates				
Zyrtec	Chew: 5mg, 10mg, Tabs: 5mg, 10mg	Deleted	OTC Availability	June 1, 2008
Zyrtec D	5mg/120mg	Deleted	OTC Availability	June 1, 2008
Colchicine	0.5mg/ml IV	Deleted	FRF Removal	June 1, 2008
Benadryl	25mg caps	Deleted	FRF Removal	June 1, 2008
Exubera	Combination Pack, Kit	Withdrawn	Manufacturer	June 1, 2008
Lactulose	Solution	Deleted	FRF Removal	June 1, 2008
Nitroglycerin CR	9mg	Deleted	FRF Removal	June 1, 2008
Nitroglycerin TD	9mg	Deleted	FRF Removal	June 1, 2008
Valproic Acid	Liquid	Deleted	FRF Removal	June 1, 2008
April Formulary Updates				
Monistat 7	Vaginal cream	Deleted	FRF Removal	July 1, 2008
Nitro-Time	2.5mg, 9mg	Deleted	FRF Removal	July 1, 2008
Phenazopyridine	100mg	Deleted	FRF Removal	July 1, 2008
Pyridium	100mg	Deleted	FRF Removal	July 1, 2008
Sodium Chloride	0.9% Injection	Deleted	FRF Removal	July 1, 2008
Sporanox Kit	250mg	Deleted	FRF Removal	July 1, 2008
Zyflo	600mg	Deleted	FRF Removal	July 1, 2008
May Formulary Updates				
Ethmozine	200mg, 250mg, 300mg	Deleted	FRF Removal	August 1, 2008
Oxycodone CR	10mg, 20mg, 40mg, 80mg	Deleted	FRF Removal	August 1, 2008
Oxycodone ER	10mg, 20mg, 40mg, 80mg	Deleted	FRF Removal	August 1, 2008
Neupro	2mg, 4mg, 6mg patches	Withdrawn	Safety Concerns	August 1, 2008
June Formulary Updates				
Bexxar	14mg/ml	Deleted	FRF Removal	September 1, 2008
Esclim	0.025mg/hr, 0.038mg/hr, 0.05mg/hr, 0.075mg/hr, 0.1mg/hr	Deleted	FRF Removal	September 1, 2008
Quadramet	1850 MBQ/ML	Deleted	FRF Removal	September 1, 2008

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July Formulary Updates				
Sular TB24	10mg, 20mg, 30mg, 40mg	Deleted	FRF Removal	October 1, 2008
August Formulary Updates				
Uni-Otic	0.1%, 1%	Deleted	FRF Removal	December 1, 2008
Ortho Tri-Cyclen Lo		Deleted	FRF Removal	December 1, 2008
Pehnazopyridine	200mg	Deleted	FRF Removal	December 1, 2008
Pyridium	200mg	Deleted	FRF Removal	December 1, 2008
Ribavirin	500mg	Deleted	FRF Removal	December 1, 2008
September Formulary Updates- To be Determined				
October Formulary Updates- To be Determined				
November Formulary Updates- To be Determined				
December Formulary Updates- To be Determined				

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