

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 2009:

January Formulary Updates – None				
February Formulary Updates – None				
March Formulary Updates – None				
April Formulary Updates – None				
May Formulary Updates – None				
June Formulary Updates				
Affected Drug**	Strength/Formulation	Change	Reason*	Effective Date
Hyomax-SL	0.125mg tablet	Premier Formulary – Deleted Basic Formulary – Deleted	Does not meet criteria for Part D drug (not FDA approved)	June 1, 2009
Hyomax-SR	0.375mg tablet	Premier Formulary – Deleted Basic Formulary – Deleted	Does not meet criteria for Part D drug (not FDA approved)	June 1, 2009
Hyomax-FT	0.125mg tablet	Premier Formulary – Deleted Basic Formulary – Deleted	Does not meet criteria for Part D drug (not FDA approved)	June 1, 2009
Hyoscyamine	0.375mg, 0.125mg tablet, 0.375mg capsule	Premier Formulary – Deleted Basic Formulary – Deleted	Does not meet criteria for Part D drug (not FDA approved)	June 1, 2009
Hyoscyamine SU	0.125mg tablet	Premier Formulary – Deleted Basic Formulary – Deleted	Does not meet criteria for Part D drug (not FDA approved)	June 1, 2009

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Affected Drug**	Strength/Formulation	Change	Reason*	Effective Date
Papverine	150mg capsule	Premier Formulary – Deleted Basic Formulary – Deleted	Does not meet criteria for Part D drug (not FDA approved)	June 1, 2009
Duradryl SR	Tablet	Premier Formulary – Deleted Basic Formulary – Deleted	Does not meet criteria for Part D drug (not FDA approved)	June 1, 2009
Benzoyl Peroxide	5% gel	Premier Formulary – Deleted Basic Formulary – Deleted	Does not meet criteria for Part D drug (not FDA approved)	June 1, 2009
July Formulary Updates – None				
August Formulary Updates				
Keppra	100mg/ml, 250mg, 500mg, 750mg, 1000mg	Premier Formulary -brand name (Keppra) to Tier 3 generic (levetiracetam) to Tier 1 Basic Formulary – brand name (Keppra) deleted generic (levetiracetam) to Tier 1	Drug now available as generic	August 1, 2009
Lamictal	25mg, 100mg, 150mg, 200mg	Premier Formulary -brand name (Lamictal) to Tier 3 generic (lamotrigine) to Tier 1 Basic Formulary - brand name (Lamictal) deleted generic (lamotrigine) to Tier 1	Drug now available as generic	August 1, 2009
Razadyne ER	8mg, 16mg, 24mg	Premier Formulary -brand name (Razadyne ER) to Tier 3 generic (galantamine hydrobromide) to Tier 1 Basic Formulary - brand name (Razadyne ER) deleted generic (galantamine hydrobromide) to Tier 1	Drug now available as generic	August 1, 2009
Requip	0.25mg, 0.5mg, 1mg, 2mg, 3mg, 4mg, 5mg	Premier Formulary -brand name (Requip) to Tier 3 generic (ropinirole hydrochloride) to Tier 1 Basic Formulary - brand name (Requip) deleted generic (ropinirole hydrochloride) to Tier 1	Drug now available as generic	August 1, 2009

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Tobradex	0.1%, 0.3%	Premier Formulary - brand name (Tobradex) to Tier 3 generic (dexamethasone & tobramycin sulfate) to Tier 1 Basic Formulary - brand name (Tobradex) deleted generic (dexamethasone & tobramycin sulfate) to Tier 1	Drug now available as generic	August 1, 2009
September Formulary Updates				
Depakote	125mg, 250mg, 500mg	Premier Formulary - brand name (Depakote) to Tier 3 generic (divalproex sodium) to Tier 1 Basic Formulary - brand name (Depakote) deleted generic (divalproex sodium) to Tier 1	Drug now available as generic	September 1, 2009
Depakote ER	250mg, 500mg	Premier Formulary - brand name (Depakote ER) to Tier 3 generic (divalproex ER) to Tier 1 Basic Formulary - brand name (Depakote ER) deleted generic (divalproex ER) to Tier 1	Drug now available as generic	September 1, 2009
Topamax	25mg, 50mg, 100mg, 200mg	Premier Formulary - brand name (Topamax) to Tier 3 generic (topiramate) to Tier 1 Basic Formulary - brand name (Topamax) deleted generic (topiramate) to Tier 1	Drug now available as generic	September 1, 2009
Risperdal	.25mg, .5mg, 1mg, 1mg/ml soln, 2mg, 3mg, 4mg	Premier Formulary - brand name (Risperdal) to Tier 3 generic (risperidone) to Tier 1 Basic Formulary - brand name (Risperdal) deleted generic (risperidone) to Tier 1	Drug now available as generic	September 1, 2009
October Formulary Updates – To Be Determined				
November Formulary Updates – To Be Determined				

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December Formulary Updates – To Be Determined				

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