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Dear TRICARE Beneficiary:

Our records indicate you may be taking prescription drug(s) that will be moving to non-formulary (Tier 3) or requires 'prior authorization' as recommended by the Department of Defense Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (DoD P&T). The DoD P&T oversees the TRICARE drug formulary.

The affected drug(s) and alternatives are listed on the attachment to assist you in making the best decision regarding your pharmacy needs. We recommend you talk to your health care provider about the options prior to the effective date listed on the attachment.

All of the preferred products on the attachment are available through TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery, or at a retail network pharmacy with the associated cost share. They may also be available at military treatment facility (MTF) pharmacies in your area. We encourage you to consider TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery as a convenient and cost-effective way to receive your regular prescriptions if an MTF is not an option. Learn more about home delivery at [www.tricare.mil/homedelivery](http://www.tricare.mil/homedelivery); and find your nearest participating TRICARE pharmacies at [www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/pharmacy](http://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/pharmacy).

Please keep in mind, you will be responsible for the full cost if you do not have an approved prior authorization for a medication that requires prior authorization. The request for prior authorization can be submitted by your physician with a review by Express Scripts. Express Scripts is contracted by DoD to process retail pharmacy claims and fill TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery prescriptions for TRICARE beneficiaries.

For more information on formulary, non-formulary, prior authorization, or additional questions, you or your provider can go to [www.tricare.mil/pharmacy](http://www.tricare.mil/pharmacy) or contact the TRICARE Pharmacy Program at (877) 363-1303.

We at TRICARE are proud to serve our Nation's military heroes and their families and are committed to providing the best possible health care.

Sincerely,

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Director

Attachment:

1. Formulary Alternatives for Non-formulary or Prior Authorization Medications



## Formulary Alternatives for Non-formulary Medications

### Cost Share Changes Effective April 16, 2014

Non-Formulary (Tier 3) Medications	Formulary Medications (Tier 1 & Tier 2)
<b>Diabetes Drugs- Dipeptidyl-Peptidase-4 (DPP-4) Inhibitors</b>	
Cost share = \$44 at Retail for up to a 30 day supply; \$43 through Home Delivery for up to a 90 day supply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alogliptin (Nesina®)</li> <li>• Alogliptin/metformin (Kazano®)</li> <li>• Alogliptin/pioglitazone (Oseni®)</li> </ul>	Cost share = \$5 at Retail for up to a 30 day supply; \$0 through Home Delivery for up to a 90 day supply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metformin (generic, if combination is needed)</li> <li>• Pioglitazone (generic, if combination is needed)</li> </ul> Cost share = \$17 at Retail for up to a 30 day supply; \$13 through Home Delivery for up to a 90 day supply † <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sitagliptin (Januvia®)</li> <li>• Sitagliptin/metformin (Janumet®, Janumet XR)</li> <li>• Sitagliptin/simvastatin (Juvissync®)</li> <li>• Linagliptin (Tradjenta®)</li> <li>• Linagliptin/metformin (Jentadueto®)</li> </ul>
<b>Osteoporosis Drugs – Bisphosphonates</b>	
Cost share = \$44 at Retail for up to a 30 day supply; \$43 through Home Delivery for up to a 90 day supply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effervescent alendronate (Binosto)</li> </ul>	Cost share = \$5 at Retail for up to a 30 day supply; \$0 through Home Delivery for up to a 90 day supply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alendronate sodium (generic)</li> <li>• Ibandronate sodium (generic)</li> </ul> Cost share = \$17 at Retail for up to a 30 day supply; \$13 through Home Delivery for up to a 90 day supply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residronate sodium (Actonel)</li> <li>• Alendronate sodium/vitamin D (Fosamax plus D)</li> </ul>
<b>Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia Drugs – 5-Alpha Reductase Inhibitors (5-ARI)</b>	
Cost share = \$44 at Retail for up to a 30 day supply; \$43 through Home Delivery for up to a 90 day supply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dutasteride (Avodart®)</li> <li>• Dutasteride/tamsulosin (Jalyn®)</li> </ul>	Cost share = \$5 at Retail for up to a 30 day supply; \$0 through Home Delivery for up to a 90 day supply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finasteride (generic)</li> <li>• Tamsulosin (generic, if combination is needed)</li> </ul>
<b>Lipid Lowering Drugs -Statin and Statin Combinations</b>	
Cost share = \$44 at Retail for up to a 30 day supply; \$43 through Home Delivery for up to a 90 day supply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simvastatin/ezetimibe (Vytorin®)</li> <li>• Atorvastatin/ezetimibe (Liptruzet®)</li> <li>• Pitavastatin (Livalo®)</li> <li>• Fluvastatin ER (Lescol® XL)</li> <li>• Lovastatin ER (Altoprev®)</li> <li>• Niacin/lovastatin (Advicor®)</li> <li>• Niacin/simvastatin (Simcor®)</li> </ul>	Cost share = \$5 at Retail for up to a 30 day supply; \$0 through Home Delivery for up to a 90 day supply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atorvastatin (generic)</li> <li>• Atorvastatin/amlodipine (generic)</li> <li>• Simvastatin (generic)</li> <li>• Pravastatin (generic)</li> <li>• Fluvastatin (generic)</li> <li>• Lovastatin (generics)</li> </ul> Cost share = \$17 at Retail for up to a 30 day supply; \$13 through Home Delivery for up to a 90 day supply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rosuvastatin (Crestor®)*</li> </ul>

**Cost Share Changes Effective May 14, 2014**

Non-Formulary (Tier 3) Medications	Formulary Medications (Tier 1 & Tier 2)
Asthma Inhalers- Short-Acting Beta Agonist Metered Dose Inhalers	
Cost share = \$44 at Retail for up to a 30 day supply; \$43 through Home Delivery for up to a 90 day supply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Albuterol HFA (Proventil® HFA)</li> <li>• Albuterol HFA (Ventolin® HFA)</li> <li>• Levalbuterol HFA (Xopenex® HFA)</li> </ul>	Cost share = \$17 at Retail for up to a 30 day supply; \$13 through Home Delivery for up to a 90 day supply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Albuterol HFA (ProAir® HFA)</li> </ul>

† Step therapy applies – All new users of a DPP-4 inhibitor must try metformin or a sulfonylurea drug prior to receiving a DPP-4 drug. New users of Jentadueto or Tradjenta must try Janumet, Janumet XR, Januvia or Juvisync first.

\* Step therapy applies – All new users of Crestor must try a step-1 antilipemic drug, or meet Prior Authorization requirements. Without an approved Prior Authorization, the beneficiary is responsibility for 100% of the cost for the medication at the retail pharmacy. At Home Delivery, the medication will be unavailable. More information on prior authorization criteria for this agent can be found at <http://www.tricare.mil/pharmacy/formulary>.

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If so, please contact DEERS at (800) 538-9552, or [www.tricare.mil/deers](http://www.tricare.mil/deers)

