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Dear TRICARE Beneficiary:

Our records show you may be taking a prescription drug(s) that is moving to a special non-preferred/non-formulary status on May 4, 2016. This means you will pay 100 percent of the drug's cost if you get it from a retail network pharmacy. This is happening because the law requires drug companies to provide a discount price to the Department of Defense when beneficiaries get their drugs from retail pharmacies. When a drug company doesn't offer this discount, TRICARE has to place that drug company's drug(s) in a special non-formulary status.

The attached page lists the medication(s) affected by this change. The page lists other drug options for you and your doctor to consider. To avoid paying the full cost for your drug(s), you may:

1. Switch to TRICARE Home Delivery. Under Home Delivery, you pay the non-formulary (Tier 3) cost share for a 90-day supply. To learn more, visit www.tricare.mil/homedelivery;
2. Get the drug(s) at a military pharmacy in your area. To find the nearest military pharmacy, go to www.tricare.mil/mtf. We encourage you to call the military pharmacy to make sure they carry your drug(s); or,
3. Switch to a formulary drug. Take the attached page to your doctor. All of the preferred/formulary options are available at retail network pharmacies.

If your doctor feels you need to stay on the current drug you get from the retail network pharmacy, your doctor may call the TRICARE Pharmacy contractor, Express Scripts, Inc., at 1-866-684-4488.

If you have questions, call the TRICARE Pharmacy Program at 1-877-363-1303. We at TRICARE are proud to serve our Nation's military heroes and their families and are committed to providing them the best possible health care.

R.C. BONO
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Director

Attachment:

1. Formulary Options for Your Doctor to Consider

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Formulary Options for Your Doctor to Consider

You are now taking a drug in the non-preferred drugs/non-formulary column.

Cost Shares Change On May 4, 2016

Non-Preferred Drugs Non-Formulary (Tier 3)	Preferred Drugs Formulary Medications (Tier 1 & Tier 2) † <i>Your doctor may write for one of these drugs or, depending on your prescription, your pharmacist may give you one of these instead of a Tier 3 drug.</i>
Antibiotics: Aminoglycosides	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitabis Pak (tobramycin) by Pari– inhalation • solution†† <p>Cost shares: 100% of the drug’s cost at retail network pharmacies \$49.00 through Home Delivery for up to a 90-day supply</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tobramycin (generic) – inhalation solution <p>Cost shares: \$10.00 at retail network pharmacies for up to a 30-day supply; \$ 0.00 through Home Delivery for up to a 90-day supply</p>
Antibiotics: Tetracyclines	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doryx (doxycycline) by Libertas Pharm – delayed release tablet†† <p>Cost shares: 100% of the drug’s cost at retail network pharmacies; \$49.00 through Home Delivery for up to a 90-day supply</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • doxycycline hyclate (generic) – capsules • doxycycline hyclate (generic) – tablets, enteric coated <p>Cost shares: \$10.00 at retail network pharmacies for up to a 30-day supply; \$ 0.00 through Home Delivery for up to a 90-day supply</p>
Thyroid and Antithyroid Agents	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unithroid (generic) by Gemini Labs – tablets*†† <p>Cost shares: 100% of the drug’s cost at retail network pharmacies; \$49.00 through Home Delivery for up to a 90-day supply</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • levoxy1 (generic) – tablets • tirosint (generic) – capsules • levothyroxine (generic) – tablets <p>Cost shares: \$10.00 at retail network pharmacies for up to a 30-day supply; \$ 0.00 through Home Delivery for up to a 90-day supply</p>

† You will get a generic version when a generic is available.

*Unithroid 25mcg and 100mcg not available at Home Delivery and will remain available in the retail network pharmacies.

††Have your doctor call the TRICARE Pharmacy contractor, Express Scripts, at 1-866-684-4488 to see if you can still get your current drug in the TRICARE retail network pharmacies.

Has your permanent address changed?

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

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