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Dear TRICARE Beneficiary:

The Department of Defense Pharmacy & Therapeutics (DoD P&T) Committee provides oversight for the TRICARE Management Activity drug formulary. The attachment shares with you the recently approved medication recommendations from the DoD P&T Committee.

Our records indicate you may be taking a prescription drug that will be moving to non-formulary (Tier 3) or require 'Prior Authorization'. We are writing to assist you in making the best decision regarding your pharmacy needs. We recommend you talk to your health care provider about your options. Please see the attachment for details.

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 Home Delivery as a convenient and cost-effective way to receive your prescriptions if an MTF is not an option. You can learn more at www.tricare.mil/homedelivery. To find your nearest participating TRICARE pharmacies go to www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/pharmacy.

Should you choose to continue a medication requiring a Prior Authorization without an approved Prior Authorization, please understand that you will be responsible for full cost of the medication at a retail pharmacy or home delivery. Depending on treatment guidelines, the Prior Authorization can be submitted by your physician with a review by Express Scripts.

Express Scripts is contracted by DoD to process claims from retail pharmacies and fill prescriptions for TRICARE beneficiaries through home delivery. For more information on formulary, non-formulary, prior authorization, or additional questions, you or your provider can go to www.tricare.mil/pharmacy or contact the TRICARE Pharmacy Program at (877) 363-1303.

Thank you for your interest in the Military Health System and its beneficiaries. 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.

Sincerely,

Mary Kaye Justis
Assistant Deputy Director

Attachment:

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

Formulary Alternatives for Non-formulary Medications

Cost Share Changes Effective April 18, 2012

Non-Formulary (Tier 3) Medications	Formulary Medications (Tier 1 & Tier 2)
Osteoporosis Agents	
Cost share = \$25 † Atelvia® (risedronate delayed release) - tablet	Cost share = \$5 at Retail; \$0 through Home Delivery alendronate sodium (generics) - tablet risedronate disodium (generics) – tablet Cost share = \$12 at Retail; \$9 through Home Delivery † Actonel®, (risedronate) - tablet Boniva® (ibandronate) - tablet Fosamax® (alendronate) - tablet
Antidepressants and GABA Analog Agents	
Cost share = \$25 † Oleptro® (trazodone extended release) - tablet Viibryd® (vilazodone) – tablet	Cost share = \$5 at Retail; \$0 through Home Delivery venlafaxine, venlafaxine ER (generics) - tablet trazodone (generics) – tablet bupropion, bupropion ER (generics) – tablet bupropion, bupropion XL (generics) – tablet gabapentin (generics) – capsule, tablet Cost share = \$12 at Retail; \$9 through Home Delivery † Effexor®, Effexor XR®, (venlafaxine) – tablet Desyrel® (trazodone) - tablet Nefazodone® (nefazodone) - tablet Wellbutrin®, Wellbutrin SR®, (bupropion) – tablet Wellbutrin XL®, (bupropion extended release) – tablet
PDE-5 Inhibitors for Erectile Dysfunction	
Cost share = \$25 † Levitra® (vardenafil) – tablet Staxyn® (vardenafil ODT) - tablet	Cost share = \$12 at Retail; \$9 through Home Delivery † Viagra® (sildenafil) - tablet

† Mandatory generic substitution required when generics available

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