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**TRICARE  
MANAGEMENT  
ACTIVITY**

Dear TRICARE Beneficiary:

On August 5, 2011, TRICARE Management Activity approved the medication recommendations from the Department of Defense (DoD) Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee. The approvals allow us to provide you new formulary-based alternatives for prescriptions that are becoming non-formulary. Our records indicate you may be taking a prescription drug that is becoming non-formulary (Tier 3). We are writing to assist you in making the best decision regarding your pharmacy needs by providing you with the enclosed list of formulary-based alternatives. We recommend you talk to your health care provider about changing to one of the covered alternatives listed on the back of this page.

All of the alternatives are available through TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery or at a TRICARE Retail Network Pharmacy with the associated cost share. They may also be available at Military Treatment Facility pharmacies in your area. We encourage you to consider home delivery as a convenient and cost-effective way to receive your prescriptions. You can learn more at [www.tricare.mil/homedelivery](http://www.tricare.mil/homedelivery).

Should you choose to continue with a non-formulary medication, please understand that beginning October 5, 2011, you will be responsible for the Tier 3 (\$25) cost share for a 30-day supply at a retail pharmacy, or a 90-day supply through Home Delivery. If a generic equivalent is available, you must have prior authorization approval before receiving the brand name medication. The non-formulary cost share may be reduced if a "medical necessity" can be established by your physician with an Express Scripts, Inc. review. Express Scripts, Inc. is contracted by DoD to fill prescriptions for TRICARE beneficiaries at retail pharmacies and home delivery. For more information on formulary, non-formulary and "medical necessity," please go to [www.tricare.mil/pharmacy](http://www.tricare.mil/pharmacy). For questions or additional information, you or your provider may 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 them the best possible health care.

Sincerely,

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## Formulary Alternatives for Non-formulary Medications

### Cost Share Changes Effective October 5, 2011

Non-Formulary (Tier 3) Medications	Formulary Medications (Tier 1 & Tier 2)
Cost share = \$25 † Fanapt® (iloperidone) - tablet Latuda® (lurasidone) - tablet Saphris® (asenapine) - tablet	Cost share = \$5 at Retail; \$0 through Home Delivery clozapine (generics) - tablet risperidone, risperidone ODT (generics) - tablet  Cost share = \$12 at Retail; \$9 through Home Delivery † Abilify®, (aripiprazole) - tablet Abilify Discmelt® (aripiprazole) - tablet Geodon® (ziprasidone) - tablet Invega® (paliperidone) – tablet Risperdal M-Tab® (risperidone) - tablet Seroquel®, (quetiapine) Seroquel XR® (quetiapine) – tablet Symbyax® (olanzapine/fluoxetine) - capsule Zyprexa®, (olanzapine) - tablet Zyprexa Zydis® (olanzapine) - tablet

† Mandatory generic substitution required when generics available

Has your permanent address changed?

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

In case you have missed the recent news on TRICARE pharmacy copay changes effective October 1, 2011:

Formulary Position	New - Retail copay* (30 Day Supply)	New – Home Delivery copay** (90 Day Supply)	New – MTF copay
Generics (Tier 1)	\$5	\$0	\$0
Formulary – Brand (Tier 2)	\$12	\$9	\$0
Non – Formulary (Tier 3)	\$25 (1)	\$25 (1)	Drug Not Available (2)

\*Retail copays based on a 30 Day Supply of medication

\*\*Mail Order (Home Delivery) copays based on a 90 Day Supply of medication

(1) Not available to Active Duty without approved Medical Necessity, in which case copay is \$0; Available to all other beneficiary categories at Tier 2 copay with approved Medical Necessity.

(2) Not available unless Medical Necessity has been approved