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TRICARE
MANAGEMENT
ACTIVITY

Dear TRICARE Beneficiary:

On May 9, 2011, TRICARE Management Activity approved the medication recommendations from the Department of Defense Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee. The approvals allow us to provide you new formulary-based alternatives for prescriptions that are becoming non-formulary, or that will require prior authorization.

Your medication history indicates that you are using or have used Lovaza[®] recently. If you are using this medication for the treatment of elevated triglycerides, you may contact Express Scripts, Inc. for the prior authorization form and information. Express Scripts Inc. is contracted by the Department of Defense to fill prescriptions for TRICARE beneficiaries at retail pharmacies and Home Delivery. Should you choose to continue with Lovaza[®] without prior authorization, please understand it can only be purchased for full price through a retail pharmacy.

You have options to discuss with your health care provider. Enclosed for your information is a list of formulary alternatives for Lovaza[®]. We recommend that you talk to your health care provider about changing to one of the covered alternatives listed in the table.

All of the alternatives listed are available through TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery, or at a TRICARE retail network pharmacy for usual TRICARE co-pays. They may also be available at Military Treatment Facility pharmacies in your area. We encourage you to consider home delivery as a very convenient and cost-effective way to receive your prescriptions. You can learn more at: www.tricare.mil/homedelivery

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,

C. S. Hunter
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Deputy Director

Attachments:
As stated

**List of Formulary Alternatives for Lovaza®
Change Effective July 13, 2011**

Not Covered Medication Without Prior Authorization	Formulary Alternatives for Elevated Triglycerides	
	Copay = \$3.00	Copay = \$9.00*
Omega-3/DHA (Lovaza®)	fenofibrate (generics); fenofibrate micronized (generics); gemfibrozil (generics)	Lipofen® (fenofibrate) Lofibra® (fenofibrate) Triglide® (fenofibrate) Lopid® (gemfibrozil)

*TRICARE requires generic substitution when generics are available in same dosage form and strength as brand

Has your permanent address changed?

If so, please contact DEERS at 1-800-538-9552 or at www.tricare.mil/deers