

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 home delivery as a convenient and cost-effective way to receive your prescriptions if a MTF is not an option. You can learn more at www.tricare.mil/homedelivery. To find your nearest participating TRICARE pharmacy, 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 the 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, Inc.

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, 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.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Kaye Justis". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Mary Kaye Justis
Assistant Deputy Director

Attachment:

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

Prior Authorization Criteria and Formulary Alternatives

Prior Authorization change Effective March 21, 2012

Upon Approval of Prior Authorization	Alternative Medication
Allergic Rhinitis (hay fever) Control Agents	
<p>Cost share = \$12 at Retail; \$9 through Home Delivery</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Singulair® (montelukast) - tablet</p> <p>Without an approved Prior Authorization: At Retail, 100% patient responsibility (you pay full cost for the medication) At Home Delivery, the medication will be unavailable.</p>	<p>Cost share = \$5 at Retail; \$0 through Home Delivery fluticasone propionate (generics) – nasal spray</p> <p>Cost share = \$12 at Retail; \$9 through Home Delivery †</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">mometasone furoate (Nasonex) – nasal spray flunisolide (flunisolide) – nasal spray</p>
Asthma	
<p>Cost share = \$12 at Retail; \$9 through Home Delivery</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Singulair® (montelukast) - tablet</p> <p>Without an approved Prior Authorization: At Retail, 100% patient responsibility (you pay full cost for the medication) At Home Delivery, the medication will be unavailable.</p>	<p>Cost share = \$12 at Retail; \$9 through Home Delivery †</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Flovent Diskus®, Flovent HFA® (fluticasone) – oral inhaler Asthmanex® (mometasone furoate) – oral inhaler</p>

Home Delivery Only (for allergic rhinitis): Cost share = \$0 -loratidine (generics, through OTC Demo project) – tablet

† Mandatory generic substitution required when generics available

For more information on Prior Authorization, go to:
<http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/Prescriptions/Medications/PriorAuthorizations?>

Has your permanent address changed?
 If so, please contact DEERS at (800) 538-9552, or www.tricare.mil/deers