

Agent Alert

MedicareBlue™ Solutions



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November 2019 formulary updates

Attached with this message are the monthly formulary updates. These updates also appear on updated PDFs of the formularies and on YourMedicareSolutions.com. A key to the tier names and utilization management abbreviations is included with chart.

Questions or have an enrollment? Call a Broker Help Desk

If you have questions, want to enroll an applicant by telephone or help a member make a change, please contact the appropriate agent/broker help line:

MedicareBlue Rx pre-enrollment toll free at **1-866-464-3919**

MedicareBlue Rx post-enrollment toll free at **1-866-849-2498**

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Change Description	Product Name	MBRx Standard & Premier	Group MBRx	THERAPEUTIC CATEGORY template	THERAPEUTIC CLASS template	Clinical Rationale
Delete (drug discontinued)	DILTIAZEM CAP 180MG ER	Delete	Delete	CARDIOVASCULAR	CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS	Discontinued product; molecular entity remains on drug lists
Delete (drug discontinued)	DILTIAZEM CAP 240MG ER	Delete	Delete	CARDIOVASCULAR	CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS	Discontinued product; molecular entity remains on drug lists
Add generic EPIPEN-JR	EPINEPHRINE INJ 0.15MG	Add tier 3	Add tier 1	RESPIRATORY	MISCELLANEOUS	Generic availability; brand already listed
Add generic EPIPEN	EPINEPHRINE INJ 0.3MG	Add tier 3	Add tier 1	RESPIRATORY	MISCELLANEOUS	Generic availability; brand already listed
Add (protected class)	INREBIC CAP 100MG	Add tier 5, PA, LA	Add tier 4, PA, LA	ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS	KINASE INHIBITORS	Provides an additional treatment option for myelofibrosis.
Add/Tier Change	LOKELMA PAK 10GM	Add tier 3	Add tier 2	ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC	CHELATING AGENTS	Provides an additional treatment option for hyperkalemia.
Add/Tier Change	LOKELMA PAK 5GM	Add tier 3	Add tier 2	ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC	CHELATING AGENTS	Provides an additional treatment option for hyperkalemia.
Add (protected class)	NUBEQA TAB 300MG	Add Tier 5, PA, LA	Add Tier 4, PA, LA	ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS	HORMONAL ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS	Provides an additional treatment option for prostate cancer.
Add (line extension)	OCTAGAM INJ 30/300ML	Add tier 5, PA	Add tier 4, PA	IMMUNOLOGIC AGENTS	IMMUNOGLOBULINS	Clinical line extension; new formulation
Change tier	PIPER/TAZOBA INJ 12-1.5GM	Tier 4	Change tier 3 to 1	ANTI-INFECTIVES	PENICILLINS	Tiering change
Add generic NOXAFIL TAB 100MG	POSACONAZOLE TAB 100MG	Add tier 5, QL	Add tier 4, QL	ANTI-INFECTIVES	ANTIFUNGALS	Generic availability; brand already listed
Add (line extension)	SYMJEPI INJ 0.3MG	Add tier 4	Add tier 3	RESPIRATORY	MISCELLANEOUS	Clinical line extension; new formulation
Add (line extension)	SYMJEPI INJ 0.15MG	Add tier 4	Add tier 3	RESPIRATORY	MISCELLANEOUS	Clinical line extension; new formulation
Delete (drug discontinued)	THEOPHYLLINE TAB 100MG CR	Delete	Delete	RESPIRATORY	MISCELLANEOUS	Delete; drug discontinued
Delete (drug discontinued)	THEOPHYLLINE TAB 200MG CR	Delete	Delete	RESPIRATORY	MISCELLANEOUS	Delete; drug discontinued
Add (protected class)	TURALIO CAP 200MG	Add tier 5, PA, LA	Add tier 4, PA, LA	ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS	KINASE INHIBITORS	Provides an additional treatment option for tenosynovial giant cell tumor.
Delete (drug discontinued)	VINCASAR PFS INJ 1MG/ML	-	Delete	ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS	ANTIMITOTIC, VINCA ALKALOIDS	Discontinued product; molecular entity remains on drug lists

Abbreviations	
LA = Limited access	PA = Prior authorization
NA = Not applicable	QL = Quantity limit
NF = Non-formulary	ST = Step therapy

Tier names: Standard and Premier
Tier 1: Preferred generic
Tier 2: Generic
Tier 3: Preferred brand
Tier 4: Non-preferred drug
Tier 5: Speciality

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