



The top 25 Medicare Part D formulary changes for 2009-2010

The 2010 BCBSNM Medicare Part D formulary, which has been approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), will be included in the Annual Notice of Change sent to our Medicare Part D plan members. Members also received letters in late November about the formulary changes. You can find a comprehensive 2010 formulary on our [website](#).

Following are the top 25 formulary changes for 2010. Coverage determinations for changes can be submitted by the prescribing physician after December 17, 2009, with an effective date of January 1, 2010.

	Formulary change	2009 Tier	2010 Tier	Description of change	Alternative, if applicable
1	Omeprazole capsules 20 mg	1	1	On our formulary; however, quantity limits may apply	On formulary, quantity limits may apply
2	FLOMAX [®] capsules 0.4 mg	2	3	On our formulary, but will be covered in higher-cost tier	On formulary, higher tier
3	TOPROL XL [®] tablets 25, 50, 100, 200 mg	3	Not on formulary	Not covered on 2010 formulary as generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives are available. Generics are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FDA-approved and regulated • Equal to brand-name drugs in safety and effectiveness • Less expensive 	Not on formulary, generic(s) available
4	Propoxyphene N-APAP tablets 50/325, 100/500, 100/650 mg	1	Not on formulary	Not covered on our 2010 formulary CMS – High-risk medication	Ibuprofen, naproxen, acetaminophen w/codeine, hydrocodone/acetaminophen
5	COZAAR [®] tablets 25, 50, 100 mg	2	3	On our formulary, but will be covered in higher-cost tier	On formulary, higher tier
6	COMBIVENT [®] AER	2	Not on formulary	Not covered on our 2010 formulary	Check with your doctor
7	COSOPT [®] SOL 2-0.5%OP	3	Not on formulary	Not covered on 2010 formulary as generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives are available. Generics are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FDA-approved and regulated • Equal to brand-name drugs in safety and effectiveness • Less expensive 	Not on formulary, generic(s) available
8	HYZAAR [®] tablets 50-12.5, 100-12.5, 100-25 mg	2	3	On our formulary, but will be covered in higher-cost tier	On formulary, higher tier
9	Carisprodol tablets 350 mg, ASA/COD tablets	1	Not on formulary	Not covered on our 2010 formulary CMS – High-risk medication	Cyclobenzaprine, methocarbamol, tizanidine
10	LUMIGAN [®] solution 0.03%	3	Not on formulary	Not covered on our 2010 formulary	TRAVATAN [®] , TRAVATAN Z [®] , XALATAN [®]
11	Colchicine tablets 0.6 mg	1	Not on formulary	Not covered on our 2010 formulary	COLCRYS [™]
12	ARIMIDEX [®] tablets 1 mg	2	3	On our formulary, but will be covered in higher-cost tier	On formulary, higher tier

13	DEPAKOTE® tablets 125, 250, 500 mg DR; SPR capsules 125 mg	3	Not on formulary	Not covered on 2010 formulary as generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives are available. Generics are: • FDA approved and regulated • Equal to brand-name drugs in safety and effectiveness • Less expensive	Not on formulary, generic(s) available
14	KEPPRA® tablets 250, 500, 750, 1000 mg; solution 100 mg/ml	2	Not on formulary	Not covered on 2010 formulary as generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives are available. Generics are: • FDA approved and regulated • Equal to brand-name drugs in safety and effectiveness • Less expensive	Not on formulary, generic(s) available
15	TOPAMAX® tablets 25, 50, 100, 200 mg	3	Not on formulary	Not covered on 2010 formulary as generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives are available. Generics are: • FDA approved and regulated • Equal to brand-name drugs in safety and effectiveness • Less expensive	Not on formulary, generic(s) available
16	ALPHAGAN® P solution 0.15%	3	Not on formulary	Not covered on our 2010 formulary	Brimonidine 0.2% ophthalmic
17	NULYTELY® solution	2	Not on formulary	Not covered on 2010 formulary as generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives are available. Generics are: • FDA approved and regulated • Equal to brand-name drugs in safety and effectiveness • Less expensive	Not on formulary, generic(s) available
18	FEMARA® tablets 2.5 mg	2	3	On our formulary, but will be covered in higher-cost tier	On formulary, higher tier
19	Dicyclomine tablets 20 mg; capsules 10 mg; solution 10 mg/5 ml	1	Not on formulary	Not covered on our 2010 formulary CMS – High-risk medication	Check with your doctor
20	XOPENEX® HFA AER	2	Not on formulary	Not covered on our 2010 formulary	PROAIR® HFA, VENTOLIN® HFA
21	ACULAR® LS solution 0.4%; solution 0.5% OP	2	3	On our formulary, but will be covered in higher-cost tier	On formulary, higher tier
22	TOBRADEX® SUS OP	2	Not on formulary	Not covered on 2010 formulary as generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives are available. Generics are: • FDA approved and regulated • Equal to brand-name drugs in safety and effectiveness • Less expensive	Not on formulary, generic(s) available
23	VALTREX® tablets 500 mg, 1gm	2	3	On our formulary, but will be covered in higher-cost tier	On formulary, higher tier
24	TRUSOPT® solution 2% OP	2	Not on formulary	Not covered on 2010 formulary as generic equivalents and/or generic alternatives are available. Generics are: • FDA approved and regulated • Equal to brand-name drugs in safety and effectiveness • Less expensive	Not on formulary, generic(s) available
25	ASMANEX® 30 AER 110 mcg, 120 AER 220 mcg	2	Not on formulary	Not covered on our 2010 formulary	FLOVENT® HFA, PULMICORT FLEXHALER™, QVAR®