

Dear TRICARE Beneficiary:

You are receiving this letter to inform you of recent changes to the Department of Defense (DoD) formulary. Your medication history indicates that you are taking at least one medication that the DoD Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee has recommended as a Tier 3, or non-formulary, medication. The medications involved in this formulary change are listed in the charts below.

Please remember, your medication remains available to you, however, the result of this change means your copayment will increase to \$22 unless you are on active duty. Since Active Duty members do not make copayments, non-formulary medications will be available only when clinically appropriate, and medical necessity has been validated.

You can save money by using generic or brand name formulary alternatives that are listed in the charts below. Although you can remain on your current medication at the higher copay we encourage you to talk with your doctor about using one of the formulary alternatives listed.

**Effective October 24**, your copay for medications listed in the left column will be changed to Tier 3, the non-formulary category, under the TRICARE pharmacy benefits program. The less costly formulary alternative is listed along with its corresponding copayment.

<b>These Medications will be Non-Formulary (Tier 3 Copay = \$22)</b>	<b>Equally Effective Formulary Alternatives Available (Copay = \$3)</b>
Aciphex Prevacid Protonix Zegerid	Omeprazole  Nexium
Avodart	Finasteride

Additionally, if you are taking one of the proton pump inhibitor medications, you are eligible to receive Prilosec OTC from either a retail or mail order pharmacy *for free*. For information about how to participate in the TRICARE OTC Demonstration Program please contact 1-866-363-8779.

**Effective November 21**, your copay for medications listed in the left column will be changed to Tier 3, the non-formulary category. The less costly formulary alternative is listed along with its corresponding copayment.

<b>These Medications will be Non-Formulary (Tier 3 Copay = \$22)</b>	<b>Equally Effective Formulary Alternatives Available (Copay = \$3 or \$9)</b>
Avapro Avalide Benicar / Benicar HCT Diovan / Diovan HCT Teveten / Teveten HCT	Micardis Atacand Atacand HCT Cozaar / Hyzaar Micardis HCT (Copay = \$9)
Antara Tricor Welchol Lovaza (formerly Omacor)	Gemfibrozil Fenofibrate IDD-P (Triglide) (Copay = \$3)
	Questran, Questran Light, generics Colestid, generics (Copay = \$9)

Using the TRICARE mail order pharmacy (TMOP) saves you 66 percent on your copays. You also help sustain your valuable pharmacy benefit by using TMOP since DoD pays less for medications filled at TMOP compared to a retail pharmacy.

Sincerely,



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 Deputy Director