

Formulary Updates

Effective April 1, 2011



In an effort to cover the most needed, cost-effective prescriptions, AlohaCare updates its AlohaCare Advantage formulary monthly. The following are drugs that have been added, removed or placed on a different tier since the last time the formulary was printed.

You'll find the most up-to-date comprehensive version on our website, www.AlohaCareHawaii.org.

These changes apply to AlohaCare Advantage 2011 formulary.

Drug Additions

- Focalin XR 30mg and 40mg capsules were added to tier 4 and is used in the treatment of Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Halaven 1mg/2ml injectable was added to tier 4 with Part B vs. D prior authorization and is used to treat breast cancer
- Amluride 150-5-12.5mg, 300-5-12.5mg, 300-5-25mg, 300-10-12.5mg, and 300-10-25mg tablets were added to tier 4 with quantity limits (30/30days) and is typically used to treat high blood pressure
- Cimetidine 300mg, 400mg, and 800mg tablets (generic for Tagamet) were added to tier 2 and primarily used to treat acid reflux disease
- Cytovene 500mg injectable was added to tier 4 and is used as an anti-viral agent
- Ganciclovir 500mg injectable (generic for Cytovene) was added to tier 2 and is used as an anti-viral agent
- Daunoxome 2mg/ml injectable was added to tier 3 and is used to treat Kaposi's Sarcoma
- Betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% lotion (generic for Diprolene) was added to tier 1 and is primarily used to treat inflammatory skin conditions
- Pegasys 180mcg/ml injectable was added to tier 5 and is used primarily for the treatment of Chronic Hepatitis
- Topotecan 4mg injectable (generic for Hycamtin) was added to tier 2 with Part B vs. D prior authorization and is used to treat cancer
- Norditropin Nordiflex 30mg/3ml pen injection was added to tier 5 with Part B vs. D prior authorization and is primarily used to treat growth hormone deficiencies
- Prezista 150mg tablet was added to tier 5 is used as an anti-viral agent
- Zolpidem 12.5mg ER tablet (generic for Ambien CR) was added to tier 2 with prior authorization and is primarily used to treat insomnia
- Propafenone 225mg, 325mg, and 425mg ER 12-Hr capsules (generic for Rythmol SR) were added to tier 2 and is primarily used to treat heart arrhythmias
- Promacta 75mg tablet was added to tier 5 and is used to treat blood disorders (Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura; ITP)
- Trandolapril/Verapamil 1-240mg ER tablet (generic for Tarka) was added to tier 2 with quantity limits (30/30days) and is primarily used to treat high blood pressure

- Amlodipne/benazepril 5-40mg and 10-40mg capsules (generic for Lotrel) was added to tier 2 and is primarily used to treat high blood pressure
- Nutropin AQ Nuspin 5mg/2ml injectable cartridge was added to tier 4 with Part B vs. D prior authorization and is used to treat growth hormone deficiencies
- Jevtana 40mg/ml injectable was added to tier 5 and is primarily used to treat prostate cancer
- Donepezil 5mg and 10mg tablets (generic for Aricept) was added to tier 2 with quantity limits (30/30days) and is used to treat Alzheimer's Dementia
- Donepezil 5mg and 10mg rapid dissolving tablets (generic for Aricept ODT) was added to tier 2 with quantity limits (30/30days) and is used to treat Alzheimer's Dementia
- Afinitor 2.5mg tablet was added to tier 5 and is used to treat cancer of the kidney

Drug Changes

- Zafirlukast 10mg and 20mg tablets had their quantity limits removed

Drug Removals

- Octagam 5% injectable
- Darvon 65mg capsule
- Darvon-N 100mg tablet
- Darvocet-N 50-325mg tablet
- Darvocet-N 100-650mg tablet
- Darvocet A 100-500mg tablet
- Balacet 100-325mg tablet
- Propoxyphene Napsylate w/acetaminophen 50-325mg tablet
- Propoxyphene Napsylate w/acetaminophen 100-500mg tablet
- Propoxyphene Napsylate w/acetaminophen 100-650mg tablet
- Propoxyphene HCl w/acetaminophen 65-650mg tablet
- Propoxyphene HCl 65mg capsule

If you have any questions about these changes to the formulary or instructions on how to request a tiering exception, please contact AlohaCare Advantage Customer Service at 973-6395 on Oahu or toll free at 1-866-973-6395 from the Neighbor Islands or the Mainland. TTY users should call toll free 1-877-447-5990. You can call 24 hours, 7 days a week. You can visit us Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1357 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 1250.