

Formulary Updates

Effective March 1, 2011



In an effort to cover the most needed, cost-effective prescriptions, AlohaCare updates its AlohaCare Advantage Plus 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 Plus 2011 formulary.

Drug Additions

- Soriatane 10mg and 25mg capsules were added to tier 2 and is used primarily for psoriasis
- Adapalene 0.1% gel and cream (generic for Differin) were added to tier 1 and is used for acne
- Tekamlo 150mg/5mg, 150mg/10mg, 300mg/5mg, and 300mg/10mg tablets were added to tier 2 and are primarily used for high blood pressure
- Anastrozole 1mg tablet (generic for Arimidex) was added to tier 1 and is typically used to treat breast cancer
- Aztreonam 1g injectable (generic for Azactam) was added to tier 1 and is an antibiotic
- Lumigan 0.01% ophthalmic drops was added to tier 2 and is typically used for glaucoma
- Suboxone 2mg/0.5mg and 8mg/2mg medicated film strips were added to tier 2 and are used for opioid dependence
- Calcipotriene 0.005% ointment (generic for Dovonex) was added to tier 1 and is used for psoriasis
- Fazacllo 150mg and 200mg Rapid Dissolving tablets were added to tier 2 and are used to treat psychosis
- Codeine 15mg tablet was added to tier 1 and is used for moderate to severe pain
- Dacogen 50mg injectable was added to tier 2 and is primarily used to suppress the immune system
- Xgeva 120mg injectable was added to tier 2 with a Part B vs. D prior authorization and is used to treat bone tumors
- Dexpak 1.5mg kit was added to tier 2 and is primarily used to suppress the immune system
- Aricept 23mg tablet was added to tier 2 with a quantity limit of 30/30days and is used in Alzheimer's disease
- Doxepin 150mg capsule was added to tier 1 and is primarily used to treat depression or anxiety
- Jalyn 0.5mg/0.4mg capsule was added to tier 2 and is used for Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy (BPH)

- Enoxaparin 30mg, 40mg, 60mg, 80mg, 100mg, 120mg, and 150mg injectables (generic for Lovenox) were added to tier 1 with Part B vs. D prior authorization and is primarily used for blood clot prevention
- Gianvi tablets were added to tier 1 (generic for Yaz) and is used for birth control
- Zortress 0.25mg, 0.5mg, and 0.75mg tablets were added to tier 2 with Part B vs. D prior authorization and is used to prevent transplant rejections
- Famotidine 40mg/5ml oral suspension was added to tier 1 and is used primarily to reduce stomach acid
- Lansoprazole 15mg and 30mg rapid dissolving tablets (generic for Prevacid Solutabs) were added to tier 1 and are used to reduce stomach acid
- Levetiracetam 500mg injectable (generic for Keppra) was added to tier 1 and is primarily used for seizure prevention
- Latuda 40mg and 80mg tablets were added to tier 2 and are used to treat psychosis
- Mefenamic acid 250mg capsule (generic for Ponstel) was added to tier 1 and is typically used to treat mild to moderate pain
- Menveo vaccination kit was added to tier 2 with Part B vs. D prior authorization and is used to prevent meningitis
- Meropenem 500mg injectable (generic for Merrem) was added to tier 1 and is typically used as an antibiotic
- Methscopolamine 5mg tablet (generic for Pamine Forte) was added to tier 1 and is primarily used to treat stomach ulcers
- Cyclofem 1mg/35mcg and 0.35mg/0.35mg/0.35mg (generic for Ortho Novum 1/35 and 7/7/7) were added to tier 1 and are used for birth control
- Oxymorphone 5mg and 10mg tablets (generic for Opana) were added to tier 1 and are used to treat moderate to severe pain
- Dilantin 30mg capsule was added to tier 2 and is primarily used to prevent seizures
- Pramipexole 0.75mg tablet (generic for Mirapex) was added to tier 1 and is used to treat Parkinson's disease
- Xifaxan 550mg tablet was added to tier 2 with prior authorization and is used as an antibiotic
- Atelvia 35mg tablet was added to tier 2 with step therapy and quantity limits and is used to treat osteoporosis
- Rivastigmine 1.5mg, 3mg, 4.5mg, and 6mg capsules (generic for Exelon) was added to tier 1 with quantity limits and is primarily used to treat Alzheimer's disease
- Kombiglyze 5mg/500mg, 2.5mg/1g, and 5mg/1g tablets were added to tier 2 and is used to treat diabetes
- Rapamune 0.5mg tablet was added to tier 2 with Part B vs. D prior authorization and is primarily used to prevent transplant rejection
- Trospium 20mg tablet (generic for Sanctura) was added to tier 1 with quantity limits and is typically used to treat overactive bladder
- Venlafaxine ER 37.5mg, 75mg, and 150mg capsules (generic for Effexor XR) were added to tier 1 and are typically used to treat depression
- Zafirlukast 10mg and 20mg tablets (generic for Accolate) were added to tier 1 with quantity limits and is used to treat asthma

- Zolpidem ER 6.25mg tablet (generic for Ambien CR) was added to tier 1 with prior authorization and is used as a sleep aid
- Trileptal 150mg, 300mg and 600mg tablets were added to tier 2 and is typically used to treat seizures
- Welchol 37.5mg powder was added to tier 2 and is primarily used to treat high triglyceride levels

Drug Changes

- Estradiol 37.5mcg and 0.06mg patches quantity limits were removed
- Gardasil prior authorization was removed
- Lipitor 80mg tablet quantity limit was removed

Drug Removals

- None

If you have any questions about these changes to the formulary or instructions on how to request a tiering exception, please contact AlohaCare Advantage Plus 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.