Formulary Updates

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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

- Xeomin injectable was added to tier 2 with Part B vs. D prior authorization and is used in the treatment of eyelid spasms, cervical dystonia, and upper limb spasms
- Taxotere 80mg/4ml injectable was added to tier 2 with Part B vs. D prior authorization and is used to treat various cancers
- Sprycel 80mg and 140mg tablets were added to tier 2 and is primarily used to treat leukemia
- Intelence 200mg tablet was added to tier 2 and is primarily used in the treatment of HIV
- Crinone 4% gel was added to tier 2 and is primarily used to treat menstruation irregularities
- Gemcitabine 1g injectable (generic for Gemzar) was added to tier 1 with Part B vs. D prior authorization and is used in various cancer treatment regimens
- Gabapentin 250mg/5ml oral solution (generic for Neurontin) was added to tier 1 and is primarily used to treat seizures
- Nisoldipine 8.5mg, 17mg, 25.5mg, and 34mg tablets (generic for Sular) were added to tier 1 and is used to treat high blood pressure
- Trelstar LA 22.5mg injectable was added to tier 2 with Part B vs. D prior authorization and is used primarily for the treatment of Prostate Cancer
- Gammaplex 5% injectable was added to tier 2 with Part B vs. D prior authorization and is primarily used in the treatment of immune globulin deficiency syndromes

Drug Changes

- None

Drug Removals

- Allegra 60mg and 180mg tablets
- Allegra-D 60mg-120mg and 180mg-240mg tablets
- Vagifem 25mcg

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.