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**Generic Update:** Recently available generics include:
- Lansoprazole (Prevacid) capsules, for Stomach Ulcers and GERD. Omeprazole and lansoprazole are both available as generics and as OTC products.
- Valacyclovir (Valtrex), an antiviral medication. Acyclovir is still less costly.
- Azelastine eye drops (Optivar), for allergic conjunctivitis.
More generic options are listed at www.healthpartners.com/files/17758.pdf.

**Formulary Additions**

**Nystatin topical powder.** Nystatin topical powder is a low-cost generic antifungal medication.

**Vigabatrin (Sabril),** with prior authorization, reserved for use by Neurology, for FDA-approved indications, and for patients who have tried and failed other therapies.
Sabril is a new anticonvulsant for refractory seizures and for infantile spasms.
For Medicare Part D, Sabril is on formulary with prior authorization, reserved for patients who have tried and failed two other therapies.

**Deletions**

**Chlorpheniramine SR.** Chlorpheniramine SR is being withdrawn from the market.
For Medicare Part D, chlorpheniramine SR is already non-formulary.

**Triamcinolone inhaler (Azmacort).** Azmacort is being withdrawn from the market.
For Medicare Part D, Azmacort is already non-formulary.
Formulary Changes

Corticotropin (Acthar). Prior authorization criteria have been modified, adding a requirement for trying steroids first. Steroids are effective and are much less costly.

For infantile spasms, Acthar is reserved for prescribing by Pediatric Neurologists, and for patients with an inadequate response to steroids.

For Medicare Part D, Acthar remains non-formulary.

Gatifloxacin eye drops (Zymar), moxifloxacin eye drops (Vigamox), levofloxacin eye drops (Iquix), azithromycin eye drops (AzaSite). The MD-edit has been modified to include optometry.

Claims from Ophthalmology and Optometry will process automatically. Claims from other providers require authorization and are reviewed for medical necessity.

For Medicare Part D, these four medications remain on formulary (Medicare does not allow MD-edits).

Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) and zanamivir (Relenza). Quantity limits were added (in October) for these antiviral medication for influenza, following dosing recommendations from the CDC. Any unique needs will be managed as formulary exceptions.

- Tamiflu 75mg, up to #10 capsules
- Tamiflu 45mg, up to #10 capsules
- Tamiflu 30mg, up to #20 capsules
- Tamiflu susp, up to #75 mL
- Relenza, up to #20 inhalations

For Medicare Part D, changes are pending.

Medications Reviewed and Not Added

Asenapine (Saphris) is non-formulary for our Commercial groups. For Medicare Part D, Saphris is on formulary with prior authorization, for patients who have tried and failed other antipsychotic medications, and for patients previously stable on this medication.

These medications have no significant clinical or cost advantages over current options. Unique needs will be reviewed as formulary exceptions.

- Bepotastine eye drops (Bepreve)
- Embeda (morphine/ naltrexone)
- Fentanyl buccal film (Onsolis)
- Interferon beta-1b (Extavia)
- Ketorolac 0.45% eye drops (Acuvail)
- Levonordestrel (Plan B One Step)
- Saxagliptin (Onglyza)
- Tramadol multiphasic ER tablet (Ryzolt)
- Twynsta (telmisartan/ amlodipine)
- Valturna (valsartan/ aliskiren)

Formulary Information and Requests

Formulary Information is available at HealthPartners.com/ Provider/ Pharmacy Services (www.healthpartners.com/portal/p104.html?skin=provider).

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