



# Formulary Change Notice

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Effective Date	Drug Name	Change Description	Reason Description	Alternate Drug and Tier
2/1/2024	ALPHAGAN P 0.1 % OPHTHALMIC DROPS	BRAND VERSION REMOVED FROM FORMULARY	REMOVAL OF BRAND NAME DRUG FROM FORMULARY DUE TO ADDITION OF NEW GENERIC EQUIVALENT	BRIMONIDINE TARTRATE 0.1 % OPHTHALMIC DROPS-2
2/1/2024	VOTRIENT 200 MG ORAL TABLET	BRAND VERSION REMOVED FROM FORMULARY	REMOVAL OF BRAND NAME DRUG FROM FORMULARY DUE TO ADDITION OF NEW GENERIC EQUIVALENT	PAZOPANIB HCL 200 MG ORAL TABLET-5
2/1/2024	LIVALO 4 MG ORAL TABLET	BRAND VERSION REMOVED FROM FORMULARY	REMOVAL OF BRAND NAME DRUG FROM FORMULARY DUE TO ADDITION OF NEW GENERIC EQUIVALENT	PITAVASTATIN CALCIUM 4 MG ORAL TABLET-2
2/1/2024	LIVALO 2 MG ORAL TABLET	BRAND VERSION REMOVED FROM FORMULARY	REMOVAL OF BRAND NAME DRUG FROM FORMULARY DUE TO ADDITION OF NEW GENERIC EQUIVALENT	PITAVASTATIN CALCIUM 2 MG ORAL TABLET-2
2/1/2024	LIVALO 1 MG ORAL TABLET	BRAND VERSION REMOVED FROM FORMULARY	REMOVAL OF BRAND NAME DRUG FROM FORMULARY DUE TO ADDITION OF NEW GENERIC EQUIVALENT	PITAVASTATIN CALCIUM 1 MG ORAL TABLET-2
2/1/2024	CAROSPIR 25 MG/5 ML ORAL ORAL SUSP	BRAND VERSION REMOVED FROM FORMULARY	REMOVAL OF BRAND NAME DRUG FROM FORMULARY DUE TO ADDITION OF NEW GENERIC EQUIVALENT	SPIRONOLACTONE 25 MG/5 ML ORAL ORAL SUSP-2
4/1/2024	SPIRIVA HANDIHALER 18 MCG INHALATION CAP W/DEV	BRAND VERSION REMOVED FROM FORMULARY	REMOVAL OF BRAND NAME DRUG FROM FORMULARY DUE TO ADDITION OF NEW GENERIC EQUIVALENT	TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE 18 MCG INHALATION CAP W/DEV-2
4/1/2024	FORTEO 20MCG/DOSE SUBCUTANE. PEN INJCTR	BRAND VERSION REMOVED FROM FORMULARY	REMOVAL OF BRAND NAME DRUG FROM FORMULARY DUE TO ADDITION OF NEW GENERIC EQUIVALENT	TERIPARATIDE 20MCG/DOSE SUBCUTANE. PEN INJCTR-2
4/1/2024	RISPERDAL CONSTA 12.5MG/2ML INTRAMUSC. VIAL	BRAND VERSION REMOVED FROM FORMULARY	REMOVAL OF BRAND NAME DRUG FROM FORMULARY DUE TO ADDITION OF NEW GENERIC EQUIVALENT	RISPERIDONE ER 12.5MG/2ML INTRAMUSC. VIAL-2

4/1/2024	RISPERDAL CONSTA 50 MG/2 ML INTRAMUSC. VIAL	BRAND VERSION REMOVED FROM FORMULARY	REMOVAL OF BRAND NAME DRUG FROM FORMULARY DUE TO ADDITION OF NEW GENERIC EQUIVALENT	RISPERIDONE ER 50 MG/2 ML INTRAMUSC. VIAL-5
4/1/2024	RISPERDAL CONSTA 37.5MG/2ML INTRAMUSC. VIAL	BRAND VERSION REMOVED FROM FORMULARY	REMOVAL OF BRAND NAME DRUG FROM FORMULARY DUE TO ADDITION OF NEW GENERIC EQUIVALENT	RISPERIDONE ER 37.5MG/2ML INTRAMUSC. VIAL-5
4/1/2024	RISPERDAL CONSTA 25 MG/2 ML INTRAMUSC. VIAL	BRAND VERSION REMOVED FROM FORMULARY	REMOVAL OF BRAND NAME DRUG FROM FORMULARY DUE TO ADDITION OF NEW GENERIC EQUIVALENT	RISPERIDONE ER 25 MG/2 ML INTRAMUSC. VIAL-2
4/1/2024	PROLENSA 0.07 % OPHTHALMIC DROPS	BRAND VERSION REMOVED FROM FORMULARY	REMOVAL OF BRAND NAME DRUG FROM FORMULARY DUE TO ADDITION OF NEW GENERIC EQUIVALENT	BROMFENAC SODIUM 0.07 % OPHTHALMIC DROPS-3
5/1/2024	LEVONORG-ETH ESTRAD-FE BISGLYC 0.1-0.02MG ORAL TABLET	DELETION OF DRUG FROM FORMULARY	NOT A PART D COVERED DRUG	
5/1/2024	BROMSITE 0.075 % OPHTHALMIC DROPS	BRAND VERSION REMOVED FROM FORMULARY	REMOVAL OF BRAND NAME DRUG FROM FORMULARY DUE TO ADDITION OF NEW GENERIC EQUIVALENT	BROMFENAC SODIUM 0.075 % OPHTHALMIC DROPS-3
5/1/2024	ALREX 0.2 % OPHTHALMIC DROPS SUSP	BRAND VERSION REMOVED FROM FORMULARY	REMOVAL OF BRAND NAME DRUG FROM FORMULARY DUE TO ADDITION OF NEW GENERIC EQUIVALENT	LOTEPREDNOL ETABONATE 0.2 % OPHTHALMIC DROPS SUSP-3
5/1/2024	KORLYM 300 MG ORAL TABLET	BRAND VERSION REMOVED FROM FORMULARY	REMOVAL OF BRAND NAME DRUG FROM FORMULARY DUE TO ADDITION OF NEW GENERIC EQUIVALENT	MIFEPRISTONE 300 MG ORAL TABLET-5