

Alameda Alliance for Health
FORMULARY UPDATE

Effective January 10, 2011

Alameda Alliance for Health Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P & T) Committee Decisions

The P & T Committee reviewed the efficacy, safety, cost, and utilization profiles of the following therapeutic categories at the December 2, 2010 meeting:

- Antineoplastics
- Cardiovascular Disease: Hypertension
- Urinary Tract Disorders
- Growth Hormones

*The P & T Committee approved the following modifications to the formulary for the Alliance's Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, and Alliance Group Care programs:

Generic Name & Strength/Dosage Form	Brand Name	Committee Actions
CANCER AGENTS	CYTOXAN, HYDREA, LEUKERAN ALKERAN, HEXALEN, CEENU, TEMODAR, XELODA, VESANOID, MATULANE, LEUCOVORIN, MESNEX, GLEEVEC, TARCEVA, NEXAVAR, SUTENT, TYKERB, VELCADE, FASLODEX FARESTON	PA for Age < or =21 to check for alternate insurance coverage
CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS (EXTENDED & SUSTAINED RELEASE)	DILTIAZEM ER, CARDIZEM SR, VERELAN, TAZTIA XT	Add QL=30 per month for 24 HR formulations and QL= 60 per month for 12 HR formulations
PRAZOSIN 1mg capsules	MINIPRESS	Add to Formulary
LOSARTAN tablets (all strengths)	COZAAR	Preferred status in ARB class; maintain Step-edit requirement for ACEI; increase QL to 60 per month
LOSARTAN/HCTZ tablets (all strengths)	HYZAAR	Preferred status in ARB/diuretic combos. class; maintain Step-edit requirement for ACEI; increase QL to 60 per month
VALSARTAN tablets (All strengths)	DIOVAN	Add Step-edit for losartan; retain QL= 30 per month; allow Grandfathering
VALSARTAN/HCTZ tablets (All strengths)	DIOVAN HCT	Add Step-edit for losartan or losartan/HCTZ (gen. Hyzaar); retain QL= 30 per month

Generic Name & Strength/Dosage Form	Brand Name	Committee Actions
BUMETANIDE tablets (All strengths)	BUMEX	Add to Formulary (Remove Step-edit requirement for Furosemide)
TRIAMTERENE/HCTZ 50/25MG capsules	TRIAMTERENE/HCTZ	Remove from formulary and Add messaging for Pharmacies to "Use Generic Maxzide"; allow Grandfathering
AMLODIPINE/VALSARTA N tablets (All strengths)	EXFORGE	Add messaging for Pharmacies to "Use losartan & amlodipine separately"
AMLODIPINE/OLMESARTAN 5/40mg tablets	AZOR	Remove from Formulary: Add messaging for Pharmacies to "Use losartan & amlodipine separately"
BOSENTAN tablets (All strengths)	TRACLEER	PA for Age < or =21 to check for alternate insurance coverage
SILDENAFIL 20mg tablet	REVATIO	PA for Age < or =21 to check for alternate insurance coverage
SOMATROPIN (All strengths and dosage forms)	OMNITROPE	Preferred status for Omnitrope; Retain PA required for all Growth Hormones

*Note: Drugs removed from the formulary will NOT be grandfathered for utilizing members unless noted otherwise under "Committee Actions."