

# PROVIDER Update



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## 2019 Medicare Part D Formulary Changes

*Insulins Novolin® and NovoLog® moving to non-formulary; vaccines Zostavax® and Shingrix® moving to preferred brand*

This update includes information regarding changes to the Health Net of California, Inc. Medicare Part D Formulary effective as of January 1, 2019.

### CHANGES TO THE MEDICARE PART D FORMULARY

The Health Net Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee, which comprises practicing physicians, pharmacists and other health care professionals, reviews medications on the Health Net Medicare Part D Formulary each quarter to determine medications to remain on or be moved to a different tier, among other changes. A list of changes effective as of January 1, 2019, is provided beginning on page 2. The list contains prescription medications, formulary status and preferred alternatives.

Changes to the Medicare Part D Formulary effective as of January 1, 2019, include changes to medications in the following therapeutic categories or classes: insulins, dipeptidyl peptidase 4 (DPP-4) inhibitors, sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 (SGLT2) inhibitors, oral anticoagulants, steroid beta-agonist inhalers, beta-agonists (short-acting), and corticosteroid inhalers.

A complete list of the Medicare Part D Formulary is available on the Health Net provider portal, as listed in the right-hand column, by selecting *Pharmacy Information* or *Provider Library*. Other pharmacy-related provider updates, prior authorization criteria and pharmacy forms are also available online under *Pharmacy Information*.

### PHARMACY HELP LINE

For additional information regarding changes to the Medicare Part D Formulary contact the Pharmacy Service Center at 1-800-867-6564, or by fax at 1-800-977-8226.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions regarding the information contained in this update, contact the Health Net Provider Services Center by email at [provider\\_services@healthnet.com](mailto:provider_services@healthnet.com) within 60 days, by telephone or through the Health Net provider website as listed in the right-hand column.

THIS UPDATE APPLIES TO CALIFORNIA PROVIDERS:

- Physicians
- Participating Physician Groups
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**HEALTH NET MEDICARE PART D FORMULARY CHANGES**

Drug Class	Medication	Status as of January 1, 2019	Preferred Alternatives
<b>INSULINS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admelog<sup>®</sup></li> <li>• Apidra<sup>®</sup></li> <li>• Apidra<sup>®</sup> SoloStar<sup>®</sup></li> <li>• Fiasp<sup>®</sup></li> <li>• Novolin<sup>®</sup></li> <li>• Novolog<sup>®</sup></li> <li>• Novolog<sup>®</sup> Mix</li> <li>• Relion<sup>®</sup></li> </ul>	NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Humulin,<sup>®</sup> Humalog,<sup>®</sup> Humalog Mix<sup>®</sup></li> <li>• Lantus,<sup>®</sup> Lantus<sup>®</sup> Solostar<sup>®</sup></li> </ul>
<b>DPP-4 INHIBITORS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kazano<sup>®</sup> (alogliptin-metformin HCl tab)</li> <li>• Kombiglyze<sup>®</sup> XR (saxagliptin-metformin HCl tab SR 24HR)</li> <li>• Onglyza<sup>®</sup> (saxagliptin HCl tab)</li> <li>• Oseni<sup>®</sup> (alogliptin-pioglitazone tab)</li> </ul>	NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Januvia<sup>®</sup> (sitagliptin tab), Janumet<sup>®</sup> (sitagliptin-metformin HCl tab)</li> <li>• Janumet<sup>®</sup> XR (sitagliptin-metformin HCl tab SR 24HR)</li> </ul>
<b>SGLT2 INHIBITORS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farxiga<sup>®</sup> (dapagliflozin propanediol tab)</li> <li>• Xigduo<sup>®</sup> XR (dapagliflozin-metformin HCl tab ER 24HR)</li> </ul>	NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invokamet<sup>®</sup> (canagliflozin-metformin HCl tab)</li> <li>• Invokamet<sup>®</sup> XR (canagliflozin-metformin HCl tab SR 24HR)</li> <li>• Invokana<sup>®</sup> (canagliflozin tab)</li> </ul>
<b>ORAL ANTICOAGULANTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pradaxa<sup>®</sup> (dabigatran etexilate mesylate cap)</li> </ul>	NP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eliquis<sup>®</sup> (apixaban)</li> <li>• Xarelto<sup>®</sup> (rivaroxaban)</li> </ul>
<b>STERIOD BETA-AGONIST INHALERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dulera<sup>®</sup> (mometasone furoate-formoterol fumarate)</li> </ul>	NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advair<sup>®</sup> HFA (fluticasone-salmeterol)</li> <li>• Symbicort<sup>®</sup> (budesonide-formoterol fumarate)</li> </ul>
<b>BETA-AGONISTS (SHORT-ACTING)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proventil<sup>®</sup> HFA (albuterol sulfate)</li> <li>• Xopenex HFA<sup>®</sup> (levalbuterol tartrate)</li> <li>• Ventolin<sup>®</sup> HFA (albuterol sulfate)</li> </ul>	NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ProAir<sup>®</sup> HFA (albuterol sulfate)</li> </ul>
<b>CORTICOSTEROID INHALERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asmanex<sup>®</sup> HFA (mometasone furoate)</li> <li>• QVAR<sup>®</sup> (beclomethasone dipropionate)</li> </ul>	NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arnuity<sup>®</sup> Ellipta<sup>®</sup> (fluticasone furoate)</li> <li>• Flovent<sup>®</sup> Diskus (fluticasone propionate)</li> <li>• Flovent<sup>®</sup> HFA (fluticasone propionate)</li> </ul>
<b>VACCINES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zostavax<sup>®</sup></li> <li>• Shingrix<sup>®</sup></li> </ul>	Preferred brand	

- HCL indicates hydrochloride
- HFA indicates hydrofluoroalkane

- NF indicates non-formulary
- NP indicates non-preferred

- SR indicates sustained release
- XR indicates extended release