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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Tiered Pharmacy Copayments for Medications Update

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Notice updates the information on Tier 1 medications.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 17.110 of Title 38 CFR governs copayments for medications that VA provides to Veterans. Section 17.110 provides the methodologies for establishing the copayment amount for each 30-day or less supply of medication provided by VA on an outpatient basis (other than medication administered during treatment).

Section 17.110 provides a list of Tier 1 medications that will be published as a Notice in the **Federal Register** and will be posted on VA's website (*www.va.gov/health*) at least once per year. Tier 1 medication means a multi-source medication that has been identified using the process described in Section 17.110(b)(2). 38 CFR Section 17.110(b)(1)(iv)(B). Based on the

methodologies set forth in Section 17.110, this Notice updates the list of Tier 1 medications.

Not less than once per year, VA will identify a subset of multi-source medications as Tier 1 medications. Only medications that meet all of the criteria in paragraphs (b)(2)(i), (ii), and (iii) of Section 17.110 will be eligible to be considered Tier 1 medications, and only those medications that meet all of the criteria in paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section will be assessed using the criteria in paragraphs (b)(2)(ii) and (iii). As of the date of this Notice, the Tier 1 medication list based on the methodologies in Section 17.110 will be posted on VA's website (*www.va.gov/health*) under the heading "Tier 1 Copay Medication List."

The following table is the Tier 1 Copay Medication List that is effective January 1, 2019, and will remain in effect until December 31, 2019.

Condition	VA product name
Arthritis and Pain	Aspirin Buffered Tablet, Aspirin Chewable Tablet, Aspirin Enteric Coated Tablet, Allopurinol Tablet, Ibuprofen Tablet, Meloxicam Tablet, Naproxen Tablet.
Blood Thinners and Platelet Inhibitors	Clopidogrel Bisulfate Tablet, Warfarin Sodium Tablet.
Bone Health	Alendronate Tablet.
Cholesterol	Atorvastatin Tablet, Gemfibrozil Tablet, Lovastatin Tablet, Niacin (Slo-Niacin) Tablet, Pravastatin Tablet, Rosuvastatin Calcium Tablet, Simvastatin Tablet.
Dementia	Donepezil Tablet, Memantine Hydrochloride (HCL) Tablet.
Diabetes	Glipizide Tablet, Metformin HCL Tablet, Metformin HCL 24-hour (HR) Sustained Action (SA) Tablet, Pioglitazone HCL Tablet.
Electrolyte Supplement	Potassium SA Tablet, Potassium SA Dispersible Tablet.
Gastrointestinal Health	Omeprazole Enteric Coated (EC) Capsule, Pantoprazole Sodium EC Capsule, Ranitidine Tablet.
Glaucoma and Eye Care	Brimonidine 0.2% Solution, Dorzolamide 2%/Timolol 0.5% Solution, Latanoprost 0.005% Solution, Timolol Maleate 0.25% Solution, Timolol Maleate 0.5% Solution.
Heart Health and Blood Pressure	Amlodipine Tablet, Amiodarone HCL Tablet, Aspirin (see Arthritis and Pain), Atenolol Tablet, Carvedilol Tablet, Chlorthalidone Tablet, Clonidine Tablet, Diltiazem 24-Hour Capsule, Diltiazem HCL Tablet, Enalapril Maleate Tablet, Furosemide Tablet, Hydrochlorothiazide Capsule/Tablet, Hydrochlorothiazide/Lisinopril Tablet, Hydrochlorothiazide/Triamterene Capsule/Tablet, Isosorbide Mononitrate SA Tablet, Lisinopril Tablet, Losartan Tablet, Metoprolol Succinate SA Tablet, Metoprolol Tartrate Tablet, Nifedipine SA Capsule, Nitroglycerin Sublingual Tablet, Prazosin HCL Capsule, Propranolol HCL Tablet, Spironolactone Tablet, Valsartan Tablet, Verapamil HCL Tablet, Verapamil HCL SA Tablet.
Mental Health	Amitriptyline HCL Tablet, Bupropion HCL Tablet, Bupropion HCL SA (12-HR Sustained Release) Tablet, Bupropion HCL SA (24-HR Extended Release XL) Tablet, Buspirone HCL Tablet, Citalopram Hydrobromide Tablet, Duloxetine HCL EC Capsule, Escitalopram Oxalate Tablet, Fluoxetine Capsule/Tablet, Lithium Carbonate Capsule/Tablet, Mirtazapine Tablet, Paroxetine HCL Tablet, Sertraline HCL Tablet, Trazodone Tablet, Venlafaxine HCL Tablet, Venlafaxine HCL SA Tablet/Capsule.
Respiratory Condition	Montelukast NA Tablet.
Seizures	Gabapentin Capsule, Lamotrigine Tablet, Topiramate Tablet.
Thyroid Conditions	Levothyroxine Sodium Tablet.
Urologic (Bladder and Prostate) Health	Alfuzosin HCL SA Tablet, Doxazosin Mesylate Tablet, Finasteride Tablet, Oxybutynin Chloride Tablet, Oxybutynin Chloride SA Tablet, Tamsulosin HCL Capsule, Terazosin HCL Capsule.

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