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Tiered Pharmacy Copayments for Medications; Calendar Year 2020 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).

Tier 1 medication means a multi-source medication that has been identified using the process described in paragraph (b)(2) of this section. 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 38 CFR 17.110(b)(2)(i), (ii), and (iii) 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).

Based on the methodologies set forth in § 17.110, this Notice updates the list of Tier 1 medications for Calendar Year 2020. The Tier 1 medication list is posted on VA’s Community Care Web site at:

https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/revenue_ops/copays.asp under the heading “Tier 1 Copay Medication List.”

The following table is the Tier 1 Copay Medication List that is effective January 1, 2020 and will remain in effect until December 31, 2020.

Condition	VA Product Name
Arthritis and Pain	Aspirin Buffered Tablet Aspirin Chewable Tablet Aspirin Enteric Coated Tablet Allopurinol Tablet Celecoxib Capsule Diclofenac 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 Pravastatin Tablet Rosuvastatin Calcium Tablet Simvastatin Tablet
Dementia	Donepezil Tablet
Diabetes	Glimepiride Tablet Glipizide Tablet Metformin Hydrochloride (HCL) Tablet Metformin HCL 24-hour Sustained Action (SA) Tablet Pioglitazone HCL Tablet
Dizziness (Vertigo)	Meclizine HCL Tablet Meclizine HCL Chewable Tablet

Condition	VA Product Name
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	Diclofenac 0.1% Solution Dorzolamide 2%/Timolol 0.5% Solution Latanoprost 0.005% Solution PEG-400 0.4%/Propylene Glycol 0.3% Solution
Heart Health and Blood Pressure	Amlodipine Tablet Amiodarone HCL Tablet Aspirin (see Arthritis and Pain) Atenolol Tablet Benazepril 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/Losartan Tablet Hydrochlorothiazide/Triamterene Capsule/Tablet Isosorbide Mononitrate SA Tablet Lisinopril Tablet Losartan Tablet Metoprolol Succinate SA Tablet Metoprolol Tartrate Tablet Nifedipine SA Tablet Nitroglycerin Sublingual Tablet Prazosin HCL Capsule Propranolol HCL Tablet Spironolactone Tablet Verapamil HCL Tablet Verapamil HCL SA Tablet
Mental Health	Amitriptyline HCL Tablet Bupropion HCL Tablet Bupropion HCL SA (12HR-SR) Tablet Bupropion HCL SA (24HR-XL) Tablet Citalopram Hydrobromide Tablet Duloxetine HCL EC Capsule

Condition	VA Product Name
	Escitalopram Oxalate Tablet Fluoxetine Capsule/Tablet Lithium Carbonate Capsule/Tablet Mirtazapine Tablet Paroxetine HCL Tablet Sertraline HCL Tablet Trazodone Tablet
Respiratory Condition	Montelukast NA Tablet
Seizures	Gabapentin Capsule/Tablet Lamotrigine Tablet Topiramate Tablet
Thyroid Conditions	Levothyroxine Sodium Tablet
Urologic (Bladder and Prostate) Health	Alfuzosin HCL SA Tablet Doxazosin Mesylate Tablet Finasteride Tablet Sildenafil Tablet Tamsulosin HCL Capsule Terazosin HCL Capsule

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