Drug Reference List

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Abbreviations--Drugs	**Abx**--antibiotics **AMLOD**- amlodipine **APAP**- acetaminophen **ASA--**aspirin, acetylsalicylic acid **BENAZP**- benazepril **Ca**--calcium **Chol--**cholesterol **Cl**- chloride or chlorine **Cod**- codeine **DM**--dextromethorphan **Fe-** iron **H**--hydrogen **HCl--**hydrochloric acid or hydrochloride **HCT/HCTZ**- hydrochlorothiazide **K--** potassium **KCl**--Potassium Chloride **Mg--**magnesium **Na--**sodium **NTG/NITRO**- nitroglycerin **NO--**nitric oxide **PCN**- penicillin **TCN- tetracycline** **TD, DIS, or TTS**--transdermal therapeutic system **TRIAM- triamcinolone** **TRIAM/HCTZ: T-ZIDE**- triamterene/hydrocholorthiazide
Abbreviations—Frequency/Dosing	**QD**- once daily **BID**- two times a day **TID**- three times a day **QHS/HS**--taken at bedtime **QID**- four times a day **QOD**- every other day **HS**- at bedtime **PRN**- as needed
Abbreviations--Type of Drug	CPDR--capsule delayed release DR--Delayed Release ER--Extended Release INJ--injectable or injection LA--Long Acting (time released) SR--Slow Release TBCR--tablet controlled release TR--Timed Release XR, XL--Extended Release

Albuterol Sulfate NEB	Albuterol sulfate comes in a solution which is used in a nebulizer. When used in a nebulizer it should be billed to Medicare Part B, not the Part D plan when used in their home. If the client uses a nebulizer in the emergency room/outpatient setting or in a nursing home the Albuterol solution will be billed to Part D. Budesomide SUS and Duoneb Solution are also used in nebulizers and should be billed to Part B. Albuterol inhalers are billed to Part D. See "Inhalers" below.
Alendronate Sodium	This is the generic form of Fosamax. It is taken once a week or 4/month, NOT 30/month.
Armour Thyroid Tablets	This drug product was not submitted on plan formularies. The beneficiary must contact the plan's representative for formulary or pricing information
Barbituates	Starting in 2013 Medicare Part D drug plans will cover barbituates for epilepsy, cancer and chronic mental health disorders. They will no longer be excluded drugs. Each individual drug plan will decide which barbituates they will include on their formularies. They do not have to include all barbituates. Since these are no longer excluded drugs, Medicaid will no longer pay for these drugs for people who are dual eligible.
Benzodiazepines	Starting in 2013 Medicare Part D drug plans will cover benzodiazapenes. They will no longer be excluded drugs. Each individual drug plan will decide which benzodiazapines they will include on their formularies. They do not have to include all benzodiazapines. Since these are no longer excluded drugs, Medicaid will no longer pay for these drugs for people who are dual eligible.
Budesomide SUS	Used in nebulizers and billed to Part B, not Part D.
Carbidopa/levodopa	Abbreviated carb/levo
Cogentin	BenztropineMesylate
Combivent Inhalers	The old Combivent inhalers were phased out. They were not recalled so pharmacies are able to dispense them until the old style inhalers are gone. Since the old inhaler went out of production around May 2014, it is no longer on the Plan Finder. The new inhaler is Combivent Respimat (albuterold and ipratropium--20mcg-100mcg).
Diovan HCT	Hydrochlorothiazide Valsartan is the generic for Diovan HCT.
Drug Information Websites	MedlinePlus -- www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/druginformation.html
Duoneb Solution (Soln)	Used in nebulizers and billed to Part B, not Part D.
Excluded Drugs (Medicare)	Medicare Part D excluded drug classes include drugs for: (1) anorexia, weight loss, or weight gain (2) fertility (3) cosmetic purposes or hair growth (4) cough and cold drugs (5) prescription vitamins and mineral products, except prenatal vitatmisn and fluoride preparatons (6) nonprescription drugs (8) outpatient drugs for which the manufacturer seeks to require that associated tests or monitoring services be

	purchased exclusively from the manufacturer or its designee as a condition of sale. Medicaid may cover some of the excluded drugs for beneficiaries who receive full Medicaid benefits. A list of Medicaid covered drugs can be found on ShipTools under the "Resources" tab/Other Resources/Part D Formularies. Part D plans may cover an excluded drug but the cost of the drug will not count towards meeting the deductible, TrOOP or reaching the Catastrophic Level.
Foradil Aerolizer (formoterol fumarate)	The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced that Foradil Aerolizer (formoterol fumarate; Merck) has been discontinued. The decision to discontinue the product is business-related and not due to product safety or efficacy. It is anticipated that the inventory will be exhausted and no longer distributed in or around January 2016, although inventory may be depleted earlier. Healthcare providers are encouraged to identify appropriate alternative treatments as soon as possible. RELATED: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Treatments Foradil Aerolizer is indicated as adjunct for the maintenance treatment of asthma and in the prevention of bronchospasm in reversible obstructive airway disease (including nocturnal asthma); maintenance treatment of COPD-associated bronchospasm; and prevention of exercise-induced bronchospasm (EIB).
Generics--new in 2016	Generics do not get put on the Plan Finder very quickly. What needs to be done if the beneficiary is using the generic is: Do not enter the brand name drug. Run the comparison and find the one or two lowest cost plans. Call the plans and see if they cover the generic version; the tier, co-pay, and full cost. Add the co-pay times 12 to the total annual cost for the plan. It will affect when they reach the donut hole if they are taking a lot of drugs. Brand--Generic--Available Gleevec—Imatinib Mesylate February 2016 Glumetza—Metformin HCL (500mg, 1GM) February 2016 Enablex-- Darifenacin Hydrobromide March 2016 Epizcom—Abacavir Sulfate, Lamibidine March 2016 Crestor—Rosuvastatin Calcium May 2016 Nuvigil – Armodafinil (100mg, 200mg) June 2016 Ziana – Clindamycin Phosphate, Tretinion July 2016 Zegerid—Omeprazole, Sodium Bicarbonate July 2016 Tamiful—Oseltamivir Phosphate August 2016 Azor—Amlodioine Besylate, Olmesartan Medoxomil October 2016 Benicar HCT—Olmesartan Medoxomil October 2016 Benicar-- Olmesartan Medoxomil October 2016 Seroquel XR—Quetiapine Fumarate November 2016 Zetia—Ezetimibe December 2016 Proair HFA—Albuterol Sulfate December 2016 Azilect – Rasagiline Mesylate December 2016 Tikosyn—Dofetilide December 2016

Humulin N insulin	Humulin N shows on the Plan Finder as OTC because the FDA does not require a prescription for Humulin, but states may. The FDA drug status is what shows on the Plan Finder. Iowa does require a prescription so you will need to add this drug to your client's drug list.
Hydrochlorot	Hydrochlorothiazide
Hydrocodone prescriptions	Starting October 6, 2014 automatic refills for prescriptions containing hydrocodone will not be allowed. Individuals will have to get a paper prescription from the doctor's office and bring it in to the pharmacy or the doctor's office can mail it to the pharmacy every month. It must be signed in ink. Only one month's prescription can be filled or on file. Family members, spouses or caregivers can bring in the prescription and pick it up. For more details see the e-mail sent 10/14/14.
Hyomax or Hyoscyamine	This drug does not meet the definition of a Part D drug and will not display on the Plan Finder. Need to call the plan to see if they cover this drug and for pricing information.
Inhalers	Generic Albuterol in halers were discontinued. They are substituted with these inhalers: - Proventil HFA - Ventolin HFA - Combivent (these have albuterol in them) Other inhalers: Advair HFA—aerosol Advair Diskus—pill that gets punctured, inhale a powder
Immunosuppressive Drugs	This list includes some immunosuppressive drugs Medicare Part B covers. --Azathioprine-oral --Azathioprine-parenteral --Cyclophosphamide-oral --cyclosporine-parenteral --Lymphocyte Immune Globulin, Antithymocyte Globulin-parenteral --Methotrexate-oral --Methylprednisolone-oral --Methylprednisolone Sodium --Methylprednisolone Sodium Succinate Injection --Muromonab-Cd3-parenteral --Mycophenolate Acid-oral --Mycophenolate Mofetil-oral --Prednisone-oral --Sirolimus-oral --Tacrolimus-oral --Tacrolimus-parenteral

Insulin	Insulin and needles are covered by Part D. You can find insulin products in the Plan Finder, but not needles. Beneficiaries have to call the plan to find out formulary and pricing information for needles. Lancets and test strips are covered by Part B of Medicare. To calculate the amount of insulin a person is using in a month use the following: --There are 100 units per ml (milliliter) --If a vial is 10 ml it would equal 1,000 units (10 ml x 100 units) Example: Client uses 75 units per day. In a month the client would use 2,250 units (75 units/day x 30 days). If a vial has 1,000 units (10 ml x 100 units), then the client would use 3 vials a month.
Insulin for Insulin Pumps	Per CMS--if the insulin is used in the pump it is covered under Part B, just as the pump is covered under Part B under the DME benefit. Below is a link to a publication that references insulin coverage: http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11022.pdf "Insulin pumps worn outside the body (external), including the insulin used in the pump, may be covered for some peopel with Medicare Part B who have diabetes and who meet certain conditions. Insulin pumps are considered to be durable medical equipment."
Klor Con (8, 10, M15, M20); K-Dur	Common forms of Potassium Chloride prescribed.
Less Than Effective (LTE) and Identical, Related and Similar (IRS) Drugs	Medicare and Medicaid funds cannot be used for drugs on this list. The list can be viewed at : http://www.cms.gov/MedicaidDrugRebateProgram/downloads/desi.pdf
Lupron	Lupron is on the self-administered drug exclusion lists for Part B so if he gets the drug from the physician the drug is likelynot Part B covered. It he gets it from the pharmacy, it's eligible for Part D coverage suject ot the plans' formulary requirements (http://wpsmedicare.com/j8macpartb/policy/usad_listing/) per CMS-Tammy Twait 12/2/13
Methylphenidate HCL ER	This drug does show the 36 mg dosage on the Plan Finder, however many plans cover the 36 mg dosage. If you have a client who needs this dosage, run a comparison without the drug and find the plans which are the lowest cost/best choice for the client. Then call these plans and see if the in fact cover the 36 mg dosage and ask what the co-pay will be.
Metoprolol	There are two types of metoprolol--tartrate and succinate. Succinate is the extended release (ER) dosage form and is prescribed more frequently than tartrate. Verify with the pharmacist which the beneficiary is taking.
Nebulizer Drugs	In most situations drugs put into a nebulizer are covered by Medicare Part B. However, when a beneficiary lives in a nursing home, Medicare Part D can pay for the nebulizer medication since it will not be covered by Part B. The nebulizer medication is considered durable medical equipment (DME) and Part B does not cover DME in a nursing home.

Needles and Alcohol Wipes for Insulin injection	Needles and Alcohol Wipes are not available on the Medicare Plan Finder. A beneficiary has to contact a plan directly to find out if the plan covers a particular brand of needles. This is especially true for Medicare Advantage plans. Some MA plans limit the brands they cover.
Nitroglycerin	**Minitran**- patch **Nitro-Bid**- ointment **Nitroglycerin--**under dosage will offer an option for patches **Nitrolingual**- aerosol spray **Nitrostat**- tablets Nitroglycerin tablets are not available on the Plan Finder. You will need to choose Nitrostat or NitroQuick. These are not taken daily so the quantity will probably be 30/six months or 30/year. They lose their effectiveness after one year.
Ondansetron ODT	This is a tablet. If it is taken when the beneficary is on chemotherapy it is covered by Part B. If the beneficiary is not on chemotherapy the drug is covered under Part D.
Oral Anti-Cancer Drugs	Oral anti-cancer drugs are coverd by Part B if used for cancer treatment. These drugs are covered by Part D prescribed for other uses. Some of the most common oral anti-cancer drugs include: --Busulfan --capecitabine --cyclophosphamide --Etoposide --Melphalan --Methotrexate --Temozolomide
Oral Anti-Emetics (anti-nausea drugs)	Part B covers oral Anti-Emetics (anti-nausea) drugs for use within 48 hours after Chemotherapy. The following is a list of some of the anti-emetic drugs covered by Part B. --3 oral drug combination of Aprepitant A 5-HT3 Antagonist Dexamethasone --Chlorpromazine Hdrochloride --Diphenhydramine Hydrochloride --Dolasetron Mesylate (within 24 hours) --Hydroxyaine Pamoate --Ordansetron Hydrochloride --Nabilone --Perphenazine --Prochlorperazine Meleate --Prochlorperazine Hydrochloride --Trimethobenzamide Hydrochloride
Pertussis Vaccine	This is covered by Medicare Part D, not Part B.

Potassium Products	There are many forms of potassium chloride. Be sure to verify with the pharmacy which the beneficiary is taking. • Any potassium with a % in the name is an IV • If it says "in D5W" it's a liquid • CR=controlled release • R=extended release • SR=sustained release Klor Con is a common form of Potassium Chloride prescribed.
Prolia SOL	Prolia Sol is a drug for osteoporosis which is administered as an injection. When it is purchased at the pharmacy it is Part D. If provided by the physicain it may be part B eligible depending on how the doctor bills the drug.
Salsalate	Based on the current information on the public FDA website no current manufacturer produces a salsalate product eligible for coverage under Part D.
Shingles Vaccine	The name of the shingles vaccine is Zostavax. It is in the Plan Finder and is covered by Part D.
Sutent	Sutent is an Oral Cancer drug that is not covered by Medicare Part B. Medicare pays for some oral cancer drugs you take by mouth if the same drug is available in injectable form or is a prodrug of the injectable drug.
Tyvaso	Nebulizer drug covered under Part B
V-Go	It is a patch that delivers insulin. You put the insulin in the patch and its good for a day. The next day you put on a new patch. This is a newer insulin delivery system. It does not appear on the Plan Finder but can be covered by plans. You'll have to call plans to see if they cover it.
Vitamin B-12 injections	Vitamin B-12 shots are normally covered under Part B when given in the doctor's office, but what happens when a person is in the nursing home? Are they still Part B or Part D? According to CMS Vitamins are excluded from Part D coverage so Part D would not cover Vitamine B12 injections in any setting. A nursing home patient would need to go to a physician to have Medicare Part B cover the expense.
Xeloda	Xeloda has been eligible for Medicare Part B since 1999 as part of the Oral Anti-Cancer Drug policy. Because Xeloda is a Part B drug for oncology, the claim should be denied by the Part D plan.
Zoladex	Could be covered by Part B if provided by and administered by the physician. This cancer drug is available as a monthly and a 3-month implant that is administered by subcutaneous injection into the anterior abdominal wall. This drug would be covered by Part D if purchased at the pharmacy and taken to the physician's office for administration