

IdealCare by Sendero Health Plans Formulary Overview Effective 06/01/2016

How to Read the Formulary

The formulary includes the following four columns:

Drug Name	Special Code	Tier	Category
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Drug Name

The first column of the chart lists the drug name. Brand name drugs are capitalized (e.g., NEXIUM) and generic drugs are listed in lower-case (e.g., amoxicillin).

Special Code

The second column titled “Special Code” identifies coverage limits or notes for drugs when applicable. Following are the definitions for Special Codes:

Special Code	Definition	Description
NC	Not Covered	There is no coverage for this drug.
SMKG	Smoking Cessation	This drug is specifically used in the treatment of Smoking Cessation.
VAC	Vaccine Program	This drug is included in the Vaccine Program. These drugs are covered at zero cost share for Members who are 18 years of age and older. Members who are 17 years of age and younger can receive vaccines for free through their provider under State coverage.
INF	Infertility	This drug is an Infertility product
OTC	Over-the-Counter	This drug is an over-the-counter product that is covered with a prescription from the prescriber.
QL	Quantity Limit	There is a limit to how much of this drug the Member may receive each fill and/or a limit of fills per month.
SP	Available through Specialty Pharmacy Program	This drug is available through a specialty pharmacy.
MSP	Mandatory Specialty Pharmacy Program	This drug must be obtained directly through one of the mandatory specialty pharmacies: Apothecary By Design or Diplomat.

PA	Prior Approval	Also known as Prior Authorization, is required to determine coverage.
RS	Restricted to Specialist Medication	Is covered only when prescribed by a specialist.
ST	Step Therapy Coverage	Is determined based on use of other first-line therapies or drugs (trial and failure of preferred drug).

Tier

The third column of the chart lists the drug tier. Out-of-Pocket costs are determined based on the drug tier. Generally, Tier 1 medicines are generics and are less expensive than Tier 2 or 3 medicines, which are Brand name. Specialty drugs are also typically more expensive. The Summary of Benefits and Coverage provides the out-of-pocket cost for each drug tier.

Tier	Definition
1	Generics and certain low-cost brand name drugs
2	Preferred brand name drugs and certain high-cost generic drugs
3	Non-preferred brand drugs
\$0	Preventative drugs
SP	Specialty drugs
NC	Non-covered drugs. Not all non-covered drugs are listed within the formulary.

Category

The fourth column of the chart lists the Category of the drug, which is the therapeutic class of the drug.

Additional Important Information

Generic (BRAND equiv)

When a generic product is listed on the formulary with the (BRAND equiv) in parenthesis behind it and the brand is not listed elsewhere on the formulary, then the brand is covered at Tier 3 but is considered a non-preferred drug.

If the brand equivalent drug is prescribed, the member must pay the Tier 3 copay plus the difference between the cost of the generic drug and the cost of the brand drug (the “cost share”).

In the following example the Member’s cost share is \$90.00, which is the Member’s coinsurance amount for the Tier 3 drug (\$20.00) plus the difference between the cost of the Tier 1 generic drug and the Tier 3 brand drug (\$70.00):

- Cost of the acetaminophen/codeine tab, a generic Tier 1 drug, is \$30.00.
- Cost of the Tylenol/Codeine, a non-preferred brand Tier 3 drug, is \$100.00.
- The difference between cost of the Tier 1 generic drug and the Tier 3 brand drug is \$70.00.
- The member’s 20% coinsurance amount for the Tier 3 drug is \$20.00 (20% of \$100.00).
- The member’s cost share is \$90.00 (\$20.00 coinsurance + \$70.00 cost difference between the generic and brand drugs).

Note - The drug costs and copay amounts shown are only an example.

How to Search the Formulary

To search the electronic Adobe PDF version:

- Hold down the ‘Ctrl’ and ‘F’ keys at the same time, or click on the Binoculars icon, to open the search pane.
- Type in the first few letters of the drug name, and click Enter.
- Continue to click on the Arrow in the search pane to scroll through the matches within the document.

The general order of search results is:

1. Alphabetical index listing of all the drugs listed on the formulary.
2. Category listing where drugs are grouped by drug class.
3. Therapeutic Interchange List - Alternatives for non-preferred or not covered drugs. Note that the suggested interchange is product appropriate for MOST indications. Members should discuss alternatives with their prescriber.

What if a Drug is Not Listed on the Formulary?

If a drug is not listed in the formulary, contact Member Services at 1-888-643-3251 (Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm).

What if a Drug is Not Covered?

If the drug is not covered, there are two options:

1. Ask Member Services for a list of alternative drugs that are covered. Contact your Provider and request a prescription for a similar drug that is covered.
2. Ask Member Services how to submit an Exception to Coverage form.

What is needed for drugs that require Prior Approval (PA)?



Drugs that include the special code “PA” on the formulary require prior approval. If the drug requires prior approval, your Provider must complete the appropriate Prior Authorization form and submit it to Navitus Health Solutions for review and approval.

1. The PA forms are available to providers on the www.Navitus.com Prescriber portal. The provider logs on to the portal with their NPI and State and will be able to access the forms, or the prescriber can call Navitus Customer Care at 866-333-2757 for assistance.