

Medicare Advantage Standard Formulary Changes

Brand Drug Name	Category/Class	Type of Change	Alternative	Reason	Effective
Difidic 200 mg tab	Antibacterials / Macrolides	Formulary Deletion	fidaxomicin 200 mg tab	Generic Alternative on T5	2/1/2026
Gleostine 10 mg cap	Antineoplastics / Alkylating Agents	Formulary Deletion	lomustine 10 mg cap	Generic Alternative on T4	2/1/2026
Gleostine 40 mg cap	Antineoplastics / Alkylating Agents	Formulary Deletion	lomustine 40 mg cap	Generic Alternative on T5	2/1/2026
Gleostine 100 mg cap	Antineoplastics / Alkylating Agents	Formulary Deletion	lomustine 100 mg cap	Generic Alternative on T5	2/1/2026
Premarin 0.3 mg tab	Hormonal Agents, Stimulant/Replacement/Modifying (Sex Hormones/Modifiers) / Estrogens	Formulary Deletion	conjugated estrogens 0.3 mg tab	Generic Alternative on T3	2/1/2026
Premarin 0.45 mg tab	Hormonal Agents, Stimulant/Replacement/Modifying (Sex Hormones/Modifiers) / Estrogens	Formulary Deletion	conjugated estrogens 0.45 mg tab	Generic Alternative on T3	2/1/2026
Premarin 0.625 mg tab	Hormonal Agents, Stimulant/Replacement/Modifying (Sex Hormones/Modifiers) / Estrogens	Formulary Deletion	conjugated estrogens 0.625 mg tab	Generic Alternative on T3	2/1/2026

Premarin 0.9 mg tab	Hormonal Agents, Stimulant/Replacement/ Modifying (Sex Hormones/Modifiers) / Estrogens	Formulary Deletion	conjugated estrogens 0.9 mg tab	Generic Alternative on T3	2/1/2026
Premarin 1.25 mg tab	Hormonal Agents, Stimulant/Replacement/Modifying (Sex Hormones/Modifiers) / Estrogens	Formulary Deletion	conjugated estrogens 1.25mg tab	Generic Alternative on T3	2/1/2026

How do I request coverage determination, including an exception?

To request a coverage determination, including an exception, you may contact us in any of the following ways:

- Mail your coverage determination request to: Independent Health's Pharmacy Department, 511 Farber Lakes Drive, Buffalo, NY 14221
- Fax: (716) 631-9636 or 1-800-273-7397
- Phone: (716) 631-2934 or 1-800-247-1466, we are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Requests for coverage of a non-formulary drug, or an exception to a coverage rule, require a supporting statement. For non-formulary drug requests, your statement must show that the requested drug is medically necessary for treatment, because all other drugs on our formulary would be less effective or would have adverse effects for the patient. For prior authorization or other coverage rule requests, your statement must show that the coverage rule wouldn't be appropriate given your patient's condition or would have adverse effects for your patient.

For expedited requests, we must notify you of our decision no later than 24 hours from when we receive your request. For standard requests, we must notify you of our decision no later than 72 hours from when we receive your request.

For exceptions, the time frame begins when we obtain your statement. We will expedite your request if we determine, or you tell us, that your patient's life, health, or ability to regain maximum function may be seriously jeopardized by waiting for a standard decision.