



## Medicare Advantage Individual and Group Formulary Changes

Brand Drug Name	Category/Class	Type of Change	Generic Alternative	Reason	Effective
Mesnex 400 mg tablets	Antineoplastics/Treatment Adjuncts	Formulary Deletion	mesna 400 mg tablets	Generic Alternative on T3	4/1/2025
Betimol 0.5% ophthalmic solution	Ophthalmic Agents/Ophthalmic Beta-Adrenergic Blocking Agents	Formulary Deletion	timolol hemihydrate 0.5% ophthalmic solution	Generic Alternative on T3	4/1/2025
Stelara 45 mg/0.5 mL solution	Immunological Agents/Immunological Agents, Other	Formulary Deletion	Wezlana 45 mg/0.5 mL solution	Generic Alternative on T5	4/1/2025
Stelara 45 mg/0.5 mL prefilled syringe	Immunological Agents/Immunological Agents, Other	Formulary Deletion	Wezlana 45 mg/0.5 mL prefilled syringe / Selarsdi 45 mg/0.5 mL prefilled syringe	Generic Alternative on T5	4/1/2025
Stelara 90 mg/mL prefilled syringe	Immunological Agents/Immunological Agents, Other	Formulary Deletion	Wezlana 90 mg/mL prefilled syringe / Selarsdi 90 mg/mL prefilled syringe	Generic Alternative on T5	4/1/2025

### 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.