



LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
Pharmacy Affairs

August 10th, 2022

TO: MHLA Clinics
FROM: DHS Pharmacy Affairs
RE: DHS MHLA Formulary Update

MY HEALTH LA FORMULARY

Due to recent 340B distribution restrictions placed by Merck and Bausch Health, multiple MHLA formulary products will be restricted or removed. **The formulary amendments outlined below will go into effect immediately.** We appreciate your efforts to ensure MHLA participants' continuity of care and strongly encourage MHLA Clinics to proactively work with your 340B contract pharmacies as we navigate through these manufacturer-mandated 340B distribution restrictions.

UPDATE – Formulary Amendment (effective August 10th, 2022)

Drug Product	Comments
Januvia® 25mg, 50mg and 100mg oral tablets	<p>Januvia® claims will reject at <u>contract 340B pharmacies</u> with the message: “Not cvd. Consider Tradjenta or call CCT”</p> <p>If you are calling from a contract pharmacy servicing a MHLA participant from a MHLA clinic that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Has an On-Site Pharmacy or Dispensary:</u> CCT will advise you to direct the MHLA participant to their MHLA Clinic on-site pharmacy and transfer prescription as appropriate. If the participant is unable to travel to their on-site clinic pharmacy or dispensary, please contact the prescriber for alternative formulary options, including <u>Tradjenta®</u>. • <u>Does NOT have an On-site Pharmacy or Dispensary:</u> CCT will advise you to contact the prescriber for alternative formulary options, including <u>Tradjenta®</u>. <p><u>NOTE:</u> Merck’s distribution restrictions does NOT apply to On-Site Pharmacies and Dispensaries. Januvia® will continue to process according to prior formulary restrictions at these locations.</p>

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Example Bausch Health products listed below. NOTE: This is not a complete list.

Ativan®
Cardizem®
Cardizem CD®
Diltiazem HCl
Diltiazem HCl ER Coated Beads
Enalapril Maleate
Isordil®
Metronidazole
Mysoline®
Nifedipine ER
Nifedipine ER Osmotic Release
Pepcid®
Vaseretic®
Vasotec®
Zovirax®

Claims for Bausch Health products will reject at contract 340B pharmacies with the message: **“Use alt NDC. Bausch products not covered”**

If you are calling from a contract pharmacy servicing a MHLA participant from a MHLA clinic that:

- **Has an On-Site Pharmacy or Dispensary:** CCT will advise you to try billing an equivalent generic from another manufacturer. If that is not an option, please direct the MHLA participant to their MHLA Clinic on-site pharmacy and transfer prescription as appropriate. If the participant is unable to travel to their on-site clinic pharmacy, please contact the prescriber for alternative formulary options.
- **Does NOT have an On-site Pharmacy or Dispensary:** CCT will advise you to try billing an equivalent generic alternative from another manufacturer. If that is not an option, please contact the prescriber for alternative formulary options.

NOTE: Bausch’s distribution restrictions **does NOT apply to On-Site Pharmacies and Dispensaries**. Bausch products will continue to process according to prior formulary restrictions at these locations.