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Changes to the Geisinger Gold Standard Rx Formulary

Geisinger Health Plan may immediately remove a brand name drug (or biological product) on our Drug List if we are replacing it with a new generic drug (or biosimilar version) that will appear on the same or lower cost sharing tier and with the same or fewer restrictions. Also, when adding the new generic drug (or biosimilar version), we may decide to keep the brand name drug on our Drug List, but immediately move it to a different cost-sharing tier or add new restrictions. If you are currently taking that brand name drug (or biological product), we may not tell you in advance before we make that change, but we will later provide you with information about the specific change(s) we have made. Also, if the Food and Drug Administration deems a drug on our formulary to be unsafe or the drug's manufacturer removes the drug from the market, we may immediately remove the drug from our formulary and provide notice to members who take the drug.

Before we make other changes during the year to our Drug List that affect members currently taking a drug and that require us to provide advance notice, we will notify members of the change at least 30 days before the change becomes effective, or at the time the member requests a refill of the drug, at which time the member will receive a one-month supply of the drug.

If you are affected by such a change in drug coverage or restriction, you or your prescriber can ask us to make an exception and continue to cover the drug in the way you would like. The notice we provide you will also include information on how to request an exception. To learn more about coverage decisions and how to ask for an exception, see your Evidence of Coverage, or contact Geisinger Gold Member Services at (800) 988-4861 or, for TTY users, 711, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (7 days a week, Oct. – Mar.) or 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Mon. – Fri., April – Sept.) or 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Sat, April- Sept.) or visit www.GeisingerGold.com

The table below outlines upcoming changes to our formulary that may impact you:

Name of Affected	Description for Change	Reason for	Alternative Drug	Alternative	Effective Date
Drug		Change		Drug Copay*	
Mesnex 400 mg tablet	Deletion of Drug from Formulary	Generic Available	Mesna 400 mg tablet	Tier 1	1/22/2025
Purixan 2000 mg/100	Deletion of Drug from Formulary	Generic Available	Mercaptopurine 2000	Tier 1	3/18/2025
mL suspension			mg/100 mL suspension		

*Alternative drugs are drugs in the same therapeutic category/class or cost sharing tier as the affected drug. Only your physician can determine if one of the alternatives listed here is appropriate for you given the individualized nature of drug therapy. Please consult your physician to confirm if this is an appropriate drug for you.

For more detailed information about your Geisinger Gold Standard Rx prescription drug coverage, please review your Evidence of Coverage and other plan materials.

Geisinger Gold Medicare Advantage HMO, PPO, and HMO D-SNP plans are offered by Geisinger Health Plan/Geisinger Indemnity Insurance Company/Geisinger Quality Options, Inc., health plans with a Medicare contract. Continued enrollment in Geisinger Gold depends on contract renewal. Geisinger Health Plan, Geisinger Indemnity Insurance Company, and Geisinger Quality Options, Inc. are part of Geisinger, an integrated health care delivery and coverage organization. Risant Health is the parent organization of Geisinger.