

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Tiered Pharmacy Copayments for Medications; Calendar Year 2022 Update

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) notice updates the information on Tier 1 medications.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 17.110 of title 38, CFR, governs copayments for medications that VA provides to Veterans. Section 17.110 provides the methodologies for establishing the copayment amount for each 30-day or fewer supply of medication provided by VA on an outpatient basis (other than medication administered during treatment).

Tier 1 medication means a multi-source medication that has been identified using the process described in paragraph (b)(2) of this section. Not less than once per year, VA will identify a subset of multi-source medications as Tier 1 medications. Only medications that meet all of the criteria in 38 CFR 17.110(b)(2)(i), (ii) and (iii) will be eligible to be considered Tier 1 medications, and only those medications that meet all of the criteria in paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section will be assessed using the criteria in paragraphs (b)(2)(ii) and (iii).

Based on the methodologies set forth in § 17.110, this notice updates the list of Tier 1 medications for Calendar Year 2022. The Tier 1 medication list is posted on VA's Community Care website at the following link: https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/revenue_ops/copays.asp under the heading "Tier 1 Copay Medication List."

The following table is the Tier 1 Copay Medication List that is effective January 1, 2022, and will remain in effect until December 31, 2022.

Condition	VA product name
Arthritis and Pain	Aspirin Buffered Tablet. Aspirin Chewable Tablet. Aspirin Enteric-Coated (EC) Tablet. Allopurinol Tablet. Celecoxib Capsule. Diclofenac Tablet. Ibuprofen Tablet. Meloxicam Tablet. Naproxen Tablet.
Blood Thinners and Platelet Inhibitors	Clopidogrel Bisulfate Tablet. Warfarin Sodium Tablet.
Cholesterol	Atorvastatin Tablet. Ezetimibe Tablet. Pravastatin Tablet. Rosuvastatin Calcium tablet. Simvastatin Tablet.
Dementia	Donepezil Tablet.
Diabetes	Glimepiride Tablet. Glipizide Tablet. Metformin Hydrochloride (HCL) Tablet. Metformin HCL 24-Hour Sustained Action (SA) Tablet. Pioglitazone HCL Tablet.
Electrolyte Supplement	Potassium SA Tablet. Potassium SA Dispersible Tablet.
Gastrointestinal Health	Famotidine Tablet. Omeprazole EC Capsule. Pantoprazole Sodium EC Capsule. Psyllium Mucilloid.
Glaucoma and Eye Care	Diclofenac Solution. Dorzolamide 2%/Timolol 0.5% Solution. Latanoprost 0.005% Solution. Carboxymethylcellulose Sodium Solution.
Heart Health and Blood Pressure	Amlodipine Tablet. Aspirin (see Arthritis & Pain). Atenolol Tablet. Carvedilol Tablet. Chlorthalidone Tablet. Clonidine Tablet. Digoxin Tablet. Diltiazem 24-Hour Capsule. Diltiazem HCL Tablet.

Condition	VA product name
	Furosemide Tablet. Hydralazine HCL Tablet. Hydrochlorothiazide Tablet/Capsule. Hydrochlorothiazide/Lisinopril Tablet. Hydrochlorothiazide/Losartan Tablet. Hydrochlorothiazide/Triamterene Tablet/Capsule. Isosorbide Mononitrate SA Tablet. Lisinopril Tablet. Losartan Tablet. Metoprolol Succinate SA Tablet. Metoprolol Tartrate Tablet. Nifedipine SA Capsule. Nitroglycerin Sublingual Tablet. Prazosin HCL Capsule. Propranolol HCL Tablet. Spironolactone Tablet.
Mental Health	Amitriptyline HCL Tablet. Buspirone HCL Tablet. Bupropion HCL Tablet. Bupropion HCL SA (12-HR-SR) Tablet. Bupropion HCL SA (24-HR-XL) Tablet. Citalopram Hydrobromide Tablet. Duloxetine HCL EC Capsule. Escitalopram Oxalate Tablet. Fluoxetine Tablet/Capsule. Mirtazapine Tablet. Olanzapine Immediate Release (IR) Tablet. Paroxetine Tablet. Sertraline HCL Tablet. Trazodone Tablet. Venlafaxine HCL IR Tablet. Venlafaxine HCL SA Capsule.
Neurologic Disorders	Ropinirole IR Tablet.
Respiratory Condition	Montelukast Sodium Tablet.
Seizures	Gabapentin Capsule.
	Lamotrigine Tablet.
	Topiramate Tablet.
Thyroid Conditions	Levothyroxine Sodium Tablet.
Urologic (Bladder and Prostate) Health	Doxazosin Mesylate Tablet. Finasteride Tablet.
	Oxybutynin Chloride IR tablet.
	Oxybutynin Chloride SA tablet.
	Sildenafil Tablet.
	Tadalafil Tablet.
	Tamsulosin HCL Capsule.
	Terazosin HCL Capsule.

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