



Uniform Formulary Medical Necessity Criteria for Oral Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (ORAL NSAIDs)

Drug Class - ORAL NSAIDs. This drug class includes oral non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). Agents in the class include diclofenac potassium, diclofenac sodium, etodolac, fenoprofen, flurbiprofen, ibuprofen, indomethacin, ketoprofen, ketorolac, meclofenamate, meloxicam, nabumetone, naproxen, naproxen sodium, oxaprozin, piroxicam, sulindac, tolmetin, naproxen/esomeprazole (Vimovo), diclofenac/misoprostol (Arthrotec), celecoxib (Celebrex), diclofenac potassium liquid-filled capsules (Zipsor), diclofenac potassium powder packets (Cambia), naproxen sodium ER (Naprelan CR), and mefenamic acid (Ponstel).

Background - After evaluating the relative clinical and cost effectiveness of the oral NSAIDs, the DoD P&T Committee recommended that the following medications be designated as non-formulary. This recommendation has been approved by the Director, TMA.

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Patients currently using a non-formulary NSAID may wish to ask their doctor to consider a formulary alternative.

Uniform Formulary Status, Cost Shares, and Therapeutic Alternatives for ORAL NSAIDs^{1,2}

Uniform Formulary Status	Medication	Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs) (up to a 90 day supply)	TMOP (up to a 90 day supply)	Retail Network (up to a 30-day supply)
Non-Formulary (Tier 3)	diclofenac potassium liquid-filled capsules (Zipsor) diclofenac potassium powder packets (Cambia) naproxen sodium ER (Naprelan CR) mefenamic acid (Ponstel)	Not available ²	Non-Formulary cost share applies	Non-Formulary cost share applies
Formulary: Brand Name (Tier 2)	naproxen/esomeprazole (Vimovo) diclofenac/misoprostol (Arthrotec) celecoxib (Celebrex)	\$0	Formulary (Brand) cost share applies	Formulary (Brand) cost share applies
Formulary: Generic (Tier 1)	Numerous oral NSAIDs, including: diclofenac potassium, diclofenac sodium, etodolac, fenoprofen, flurbiprofen, ibuprofen, indomethacin, ketoprofen, ketorolac, meclofenamate, meloxicam, nabumetone, naproxen, naproxen sodium, oxaprozin, piroxicam, sulindac, tolmetin	\$0	Generic cost share applies	Generic cost share applies

1. Active duty cost share always \$0 in all points of service for all three tiers; TRICARE does not cover non-formulary medications for active duty service members unless they are determined to be medically necessary.
2. MTFs will be able to fill non-formulary requests for non-formulary medications only if both of the following conditions are met: 1) a MTF provider writes the prescription, and 2) medical necessity is established for the non-formulary medication. MTFs may (but are not required to) fill a prescription for a non-formulary medication written by a non-MTF provider to whom the patient was referred, as long as medical necessity has been established.
3. A 3-month supply of medication may be obtained from retail pharmacies by paying 3 cost shares.

Medical Necessity Criteria

The non-formulary cost share for the non-formulary NSAIDS Zipsor, Cambia, Naprelan CR, and Ponstel may be reduced to the formulary cost share if the patient meets the following criterion.

1. Use of formulary oral NSAIDs is contraindicated (e.g., due to hypersensitivity), and treatment with the requested non-formulary NSAID is not contraindicated.

Medical necessity criteria recommended by the DoD Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee at the Aug 2011 meeting and approved by the Director, TMA on 28 October 2011. For more information, please see DoD P&T Committee minutes.

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