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Some of your HIV medications may no longer be available from the Colorado AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP). Please read this letter carefully and talk to your pharmacist, HIV care provider, and case manager.

Dear ADAP Member,

Fifty-four medications are being cut from the Colorado AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) formulary, effective April 1, 2010. According to our records, you received one or more of these medications through ADAP in the past twelve months, so this change may affect you directly.

Due to the ongoing economic recession, Colorado ADAP has had an increase in demand, with many new clients joining each month. Unfortunately, there has been no increase in funding. To preserve access for all current members and avoid a waiting list, cuts to the ADAP formulary can't be avoided. These cuts are being made with advice from our Medical Advisory Committee and input from community representatives, including ADAP members. This is a difficult decision that we know will affect many people, but we have tried other cost saving strategies, and we are left with no other choice.

Please look at the attached sheet that describes the changes to the ADAP formulary. If one or more of your prescribed medications is being cut from ADAP, we strongly urge you to discuss your situation with your HIV care provider, pharmacist, and case manager. For many people, there may be affordable alternatives to ADAP, including medication assistance programs and low cost generic programs. These cuts are being delayed until April 1, 2010 to allow ADAP members to pursue other sources of support.¹

We appreciate your understanding during this difficult process. If you have any questions about these cuts, you may contact me directly at the telephone number and email address listed below.

Sincerely,

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¹ For patients who have not completed a course of treatment with Chantix or for Hepatitis C by March 31, 2010, an extension may be requested if you are at the mid-point of the regimen or farther. Ask your pharmacist for more information.

Colorado AIDS Drug Assistance Program

Description of Medication Formulary

THE FOLLOWING MEDICATIONS WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE CHANGES AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM ADAP AFTER APRIL 1, 2010:

Brand Name	Generic Name	Brief Description of Category
Alinia	Nitazoxanide	ANTIPROTOZOAL DRUGS,MISCELLANEOUS
Aptivus	Tipranivir	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Atripla	Emtricitabine/Tenofovir/Efavirenz	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Biaxin	Clarithromycin	OPPORTINISTIC INFECTION MEDICATIONS
Cleocin	Clindamycin	OPPORTINISTIC INFECTION MEDICATIONS
Combivir	Zidovudine/Lamivudine	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Cozaar	Losartan	ANTIHYPERTENSIVES
Crixivan	Indinavir	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Cytovene	Gancyclovir	OPPORTINISTIC INFECTION MEDICATIONS
Dapsone	Dapsone	OPPORTINISTIC INFECTION MEDICATIONS
Daraprim	Pyrimethamine	OPPORTINISTIC INFECTION MEDICATIONS
Diflucan	Fluconazole	OPPORTINISTIC INFECTION MEDICATIONS
Emtriva	Emtricitabine (FTC)	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Epivir	Lamivudine (3TC)	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Epzicom	Abacavir/Lamivudine	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Foscavir	Foscarnet	OPPORTINISTIC INFECTION MEDICATIONS
Fungizone	Amphotericin Injection	OPPORTINISTIC INFECTION MEDICATIONS
Fuzeon	Enfuvirtide (T-20)	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Geodon	Ziprasidone	PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS
Intelence	Etravirine	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Invirase	Saquinavir Mesylate	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Isentress	Raltegravir	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Kaletra	Lopinavir/Ritonavir	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Levixa	Fosamprenavir	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Lipitor	Atorvastatin	ANTIHYPERLIPIDEMIC
Mepron	Atovaquone	ANTIPROTOZOAL DRUGS,MISCELLANEOUS
Myambutol	Ethambutol	OPPORTINISTIC INFECTION MEDICATIONS
Mycobutin	Rifabutin	OPPORTINISTIC INFECTION MEDICATIONS
Nebupent	Pentamidine, aerosol	OPPORTINISTIC INFECTION MEDICATIONS
Norvir	Ritonavir	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Prezista	Darunavir	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Rescriptor	Delaviradine	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Retrovir	Zidovudine (AZT)	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Reyataz	Atazanavir	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Selzentry	Maraviroc	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Septra, Bactrim	Sulfamethoxazole/Trimethoprim	OPPORTINISTIC INFECTION MEDICATIONS
Seroquel	Quetiapine	PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS
Sporanox	Itraconazole	OPPORTINISTIC INFECTION MEDICATIONS
Sulfadiazine	Sulfadiazine	OPPORTINISTIC INFECTION MEDICATIONS
Sustiva	Efavirenz	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Tricor	Fenofibrate	LIPOTROPICS

Medications NOT AFFECTED by ADAP Formulary Changes (continued)

Brand Name	Generic Name	Brief Description of Category
Trizivir	Zidovudine/Lamivudine/Abacavir	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Truvada	Emtricitabine/Tenofovir	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Valcyte	Valganciclovir	OPPORTINISTIC INFECTION MEDICATIONS
Valtrex	Valacyclovir	OPPORTINISTIC INFECTION MEDICATIONS
Vfend	Voriconazole	ANTIFUNGAL AGENTS
Videx	Didanosine (ddI)	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Videx EC	Didanosine EC	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Viracept	Nelfinavir	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Viramune	Nevirapine	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Viread	Tenofovir	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Zerit	Stavudine (d4T)	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Ziagen	Abacavir	ANTIRETROVIRAL
Zithromax	Azithromycin	OPPORTINISTIC INFECTION MEDICATIONS
Zovirax	Acyclovir	OPPORTINISTIC INFECTION MEDICATIONS
Zyprexa	Olanzapine	PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS

**THE FOLLOWING MEDICATIONS WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE FROM ADAP
AS OF APRIL 1, 2010:**

Brand Name	Generic Name	Brief Description of Category
Alesse	Aviane and Generics	CONTRACEPTIVES
Amoxil	Amoxicillin	PENICILLINS
Androderm	Testosterone patch	ANDROGENIC AGENTS
Aranesp	Darbepoetin alfa	HEPATITIS C TREATMENT
Celexa	Citalopram	PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS
Chantix	Varenicline	SMOKING DETERRENT
Copegus,Rebetol	Ribavirin	OPPORTINISTIC INFECTION MEDICATIONS
Crestor	Rosuvastatin	ANTIHYPERLIPIDEMIC
Depakote	Divalproex sodium	ANTICONVULSANTS
Depo-testosterone	Testosterone IM	ANDROGENIC AGENTS
Famvir	Famciclovir	OPPORTINISTIC INFECTION MEDICATIONS
Flagyl	Metronidazole	ANTIPROTOZOAL DRUGS,MISCELLANEOUS
Glucometer	Glucometer	BLOOD SUGAR DIAGNOSTICS
Glucophage	Metformin	ANTIHYPERGLYCEMIC
Glucose strips	Glucose Strips	BLOOD SUGAR DIAGNOSTICS
Glucovance	Metformin w/ Glyburide	ANTIHYPERGLYCEMIC
Havrix	Hepatitis A vaccine	VACCINES
Hepsera	Adefovir	BETA-ADRENERGIC BLOCKING AGENTS
Humalog	Insulin Lispro	INSULINS
Hydrodiuril	Hydrochlorothiazide (HCTZ)	THIAZIDE AND RELATED DIURETICS
Imodium A-D	Loperamide	ANTIDIARRHEALS
Keppra	Levetiracetam	ANTICONVULSANTS
Lancets	Lancets	LANCETS
Lantus	Insulin Glargine	INSULINS
Leucovorin	Leucovorin	OPPORTINISTIC INFECTION MEDICATIONS
Lomotil	Diphenoxylate and Atropine	ANTIDIARRHEALS
Lopid	Gemfibrozil	LIPOTROPICS
Lopressor	Metoprolol	BETA-ADRENERGIC BLOCKING AGENTS
Micronase	Glyburide	ANTIHYPERGLYCEMIC
Multiple	Influenza vaccine	VACCINES
Mycelex	Clotrimazole	ANTIFUNGAL AGENTS
Neulasta	Pegfilgrastim	LEUKOCYTE (WBC) STIMULANTS
Neupogen	Filgrastim	HEPATITIS C TREATMENT
Neurontin	Gabapentin	ANTICONVULSANTS
Nexium	Esomeprazole	GASTROINTESTINAL MEDICATIONS
NuvaRing	Vaginal Ring	CONTRACEPTIVES
Nystatin	Nystatin Suspension	ANTIFUNGAL ANTIBIOTICS
OrthoNovum 1/35	Necon 1/35 and Generics	CONTRACEPTIVES
Pegasys	Peginterferon alfa-2a	OPPORTINISTIC INFECTION MEDICATIONS
Peg-Intron	Peginterferon alfa-2b	OPPORTINISTIC INFECTION MEDICATIONS
Peridex	Chlorhexidine rinse	ORAL RINSE FOR TREATMENT OF GINGIVITIS
Pneumovax	Pneumococcal vaccine	VACCINES
Procrit,Epogen	Epoetin alfa/Erythropoietin	HEPATITIS C TREATMENT
Recombivax	Hepatitis B vaccine	VACCINES
Remeron	Mirtazipine	PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS
Risperdal	Risperidone	PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS

Medications being cut from the ADAP Formulary effective April 1, 2010 (continued)

Brand Name	Generic Name	Brief Description of Category
Tenormin	Atenolol	BETA-ADRENERGIC BLOCKING AGENTS
Twinrix	Hepatitis A/B vaccine	VACCINES
Veetids	Penicillin	PENICILLINS
Vistide	Cidofovir	OPPORTINISTIC INFECTION MEDICATIONS
Zantac	Ranitidine	GASTROINTESTINAL MEDICATIONS
Zestoretic	Lisinopril w/ HCTZ	ANTIHYPERTENSIVES
Zestril	Lisinopril	ANTIHYPERTENSIVES
Zoloft	Sertraline	PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS