

Dear Pharmacist

## Formulary items for the Chronic Illness Benefit that are out of stock

We are writing to let you know that we are aware of the out-of-stock status of some formulary items for the Chronic Illness Benefit and we have included details of replacement items below.

### You can dispense replacement items without co-payments as per the table below.

There are replacement items that you can dispense for members who are approved for the formulary item from the Chronic Illness Benefit, without attracting a co-payment for the member. The replacement item will be funded up to the Discovery Health Rate until such time as the formulary item is available again. Please note that the **approval** for replacement items is **temporary**, and copayments will apply after the formulary item is back in stock and freely available.

Below is the list of formulary items that are out of stock with the replacement items, for easy reference:

Formulary out-of-stock product(s)		Replacement item(s)			
NAPPI	Product	From	To	NAPPI	Product
723742	Pexasp 1mg tablets	07/01/2025	31/12/2025	719545	Oxpola 1mg tablets
3005421	Vasmak 80mg tablets	09/01/2025	28/02/2025	3005420	Vasmak 40mg tablets x 2
				710912	Aspavor 40mg tablets x 2
3003905	Tiotor 10ug inhalation kit	14/01/2025	31/12/2025	3003750	Tiores 10ug inhalation kit

Notes for a formulary funded alternative	
Jalramet	Zomvil 50mg in combination with formulary metformin are the replacement items.
Prexum 10mg	Clinically equivalent to perindopril 8mg. You may contact the doctor for a formulary alternative.
Metplitin 50mg, 100mg Metplitin co 50/850mg, 50/1000mg	Stock will be available for order later this month. Please contact the doctor for a therapeutic alternative. Metsitag 50/500mg and 50/1000mg (sitagliptin- metformin combination) have been added to the current 2025 formulary. Metsitag 50/1000mg will only be available in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of February.

### Authorisations:

Where updated authorisations are required, please call 0860 44 55 66 or email CIB\_APP\_FORMS@discovery.co.za

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Regards

**Chronic Illness Benefit Team**