



## MEMORANDUM

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As a part of our due diligence to inform all concerned of Medicare Part D Formulary Changes, the following notification is requested by CMS to be sent to all Providers.

### Medicare Part D Benefit Coverage – Product removal

During the year, Kaiser Permanente may make changes to our Medicare Part D Formulary (Drug List). As a participating Network Provider in the Kaiser Permanente Part D program, the list below is intended to inform you of these changes.

#### Product Removal: VASCEPA CAPS 0.5GM AND 1 GM

Effective April 1, 2024, the brand-name drug Vascepa Caps 0.5 GM and 1 GM will be removed from our Drug List. We will add a new generic version of the brand-name drug to the Drug List (it is called Icosapent Ethyl Caps 0.5 GM and 1 GM).

Affected members who were prescribed these drugs prior to each effective date will be grandfathered, meaning members will continue to receive the removed product under their Part D benefit and continue to receive the product, except for members who have been converted to the generic alternatives.

The following table lists all products recently changed from the Medicare Part D Formulary.

Reason for change	Drug Name/Description	Date and Type of Change:	Alternate Drug  (Note: Over-the-counter (OTC) drugs are not covered under the Medicare Part D benefit)
Generic Available	VASCEPA CAPS 0.5 GM, 1 GM	April 1, 2024  Brand drug to be replaced with generic	ICOSAPENT ETHYL CAPS 0.5 GM, 1 GM
Generic Available	LIALDA TBEC 1.2 GM	March 1, 2024  Brand drug to be replaced with generic	MESALAMINE TBEC 1.2 GM
Generic Available	VOTRIENT TABS 200 MG	February 1, 2024  Brand drug to be	PAZOPANIB HCL TABS 200 MG



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		replaced with generic	
Generic Available	SYMBICORT AERO 80-4.5 MCG/ACT, 160-4.5 MCG/ACT	February 1, 2024  Brand drug to be replaced with generic	BREYNA AERO 80-4.5 MCG/ACT, 160- 4.5 MCG/ACT