

# UPDATE



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## First Quarter 2009 Drug List/Formulary Updates

The following applies to clients processing on ProServ, the former WellPoint Pharmacy Management claims processing system.

WellPoint's National Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee meets periodically to review the status of the drug list/formulary and makes recommendations to the health plan. As a result, the Anthem Drug List/Formulary is changing – the tier changes listed below apply to Anthem Blue Cross, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia and UniCare.

### Tier 3 → Tier 2 Changes

Therapeutic Class	Drug Name	Effective Date
Agents for dry eyes	Restasis	April 1, 2009
Fenofibrates	Trilipix	February 28, 2009

### Tier 2 → Tier 3 Changes

Therapeutic Class	Drug Name	Effective Date
Fenofibrates	Tricor	September 26, 2009

### New Clinical Edits

The following new edits were approved during the first quarter 2009 P&T Committee meeting:

Edit Type	Drug Name	Effective Date
Step Therapy	Betaseron	April 1, 2009
Prior Authorization	Lidoderm	September 1, 2009*
Step Therapy	Boniva	July 1, 2009*
Prior Authorization	Xenazine	April 17, 2009

\* These dates are subject to change. Additional updates will be sent if the date is changed.

### Revisions

The following existing edits were revised during the first quarter 2009 P&T Committee meeting:

Edit Type	Drug Name
Prior Authorization	Tysabri

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## Edits Removed

The following edits were removed during the first quarter 2009 P&T Committee meeting:

<b>Edit Type</b>	<b>Drug Name</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Prior Authorization	Ketamine	March 1, 2009
Prior Authorization	Lidocaine	March 1, 2009
Step Therapy	Simcor	April 1, 2009

## Communications Plan

Health plans communicate tier changes to their members as they determine necessary. The formulary changes affect only the Anthem Drug List/Formulary. These changes do not apply to Medicare Part D formularies.

Health plan members currently receiving medications affected by new or revised edits will receive an automatic override or will receive notification of the effective date.

**Please contact your NextRx representative if you have questions about this update.**