

**An Important Message from
The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)**

Change in PDL Status for the Immunomodulators, Atopic Dermatitis and Ophthalmics, Anti-Inflammatories Drug Classes, Effective April 4, 2025

Background:

Due to the drug discontinuation of Lotemax 0.5% Eye Drop suspension and the confirmed drug shortage of the brand name Elidel 1% cream, Medicaid will make PDL changes for the “Immunomodulators, Atopic Dermatitis” and “Ophthalmics, Anti-Inflammatories Drug” classes.

Key Details:

In response to the confirmed drug shortage of the preferred brand name Elidel 1% cream (pimecrolimus) and drug discontinuation of the preferred brand name Lotemax 0.5% Eye Drop suspension (loteprednol etabonate 0.5%), VDP removed the non-preferred status from the authorized generic of pimecrolimus 1% cream and generic loteprednol etabonate 0.5% eye drop suspension products on the PDL effective April 4, 2025.

Providers can prescribe the authorized generic pimecrolimus 1% cream and generic loteprednol etabonate 0.5% eye drop suspension products without requiring a PDL prior authorization, allowing clients to continue accessing the medically necessary medications. The following table lists the National Drug Codes (NDCs). These changes will appear in the formulary file for MCOs by April 5, 2025.

NDCs	Drug Name
68682011001	Pimecrolimus 1% cream (authorized generic)
68682011102	Pimecrolimus 1% cream (authorized generic)
68682011203	Pimecrolimus 1% cream (authorized generic)
62756023255	Loteprednol Elabonate 0.5% drops (generic)
62756023256	Loteprednol Elabonate 0.5% drops (generic)
62756023290	Loteprednol Elabonate 0.5% drops (generic)
68682029905	Loteprednol Elabonate 0.5% drops (generic)
68682029910	Loteprednol Elabonate 0.5% drops (generic)
68682029915	Loteprednol Elabonate 0.5% drops (generic)
72603032401	Loteprednol Elabonate 0.5% drops (generic)
72603032402	Loteprednol Elabonate 0.5% drops (generic)
72603032403	Loteprednol Elabonate 0.5% drops (generic)
72485066505	Loteprednol Elabonate 0.5% drops (generic)

Questions?

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