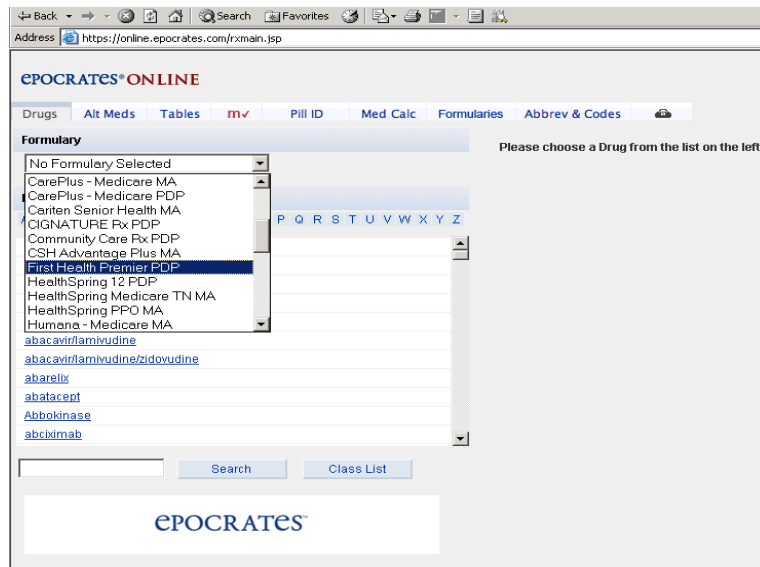


Medicare Part D

1. What is it?
 - Prescription drug coverage offered by Medicare initiated January 2006 (65yo+, patients with certain disabilities, patients with ESRD)
2. There are >75 individual Medicare Part D plans available in this area. How do I know which one my patient has chosen or been assigned?
 - Sometimes plan code is entered into PCI Meditech under “Admissions Demographic Data”
 - Ask patient to see their “drug card”
 - Call patient’s pharmacy
 - Call Medicare at 1-800-M-E-D-I-C-A-R-E
3. How do I know which medications are formulary under a specific Medicare Part D plan?
 - Internet search
 - Epocrates has a list of most of the Medicare Part D formularies and is available for download to a Palm or Pocket PC for **free** from www.epocrates.com
 - Epocrates and can also be accessed online
 - First choose a Medicare Part D plan (ex: First Health Premier)



- Next type in medication and search
- In the example below Accupril™ is not covered (NC) by our plan

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Formulary
 First Health Premier PDP Info

Drugs List
 A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
 Accupril NC

accupril Search Back Class List

Accupril
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[Click Here for alternatives](#)

Accupril
 quinapril
 (5,10,20,40)
 First Health Premier PDP: [NC : Not Covered](#)

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Adult Dosing ✉ 🖨

HTN
[20-80 mg PO qd]
 Start: 10 mg PO qd; Max: 80 mg/day; Info: adjust dose q2wk; may divide bid, use lower dose if on diuretic

CHF
[5-20 mg PO bid]
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renal dosing
[adjust dose amount]
 CrCl 30-60: start 5 mg qd; CrCl 10-30: start 2.5 mg qd; CrCl <10: not defined; HD: give 25% usual dose as supplement; CAPD: no supplement

hepatic dosing
[not defined]

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- To determine which ACEIs are covered, choose “Click Here for alternatives” on the bottom left corner

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ACEI Sort by Drug

benazepril	1
benazepril/hydrochlorothiazide	1
captopril	1
captopril/hydrochlorothiazide	1
enalapril	1
fosinopril	1
fosinopril/hydrochlorothiazide	1
lisinopril	1
enalapril/hydrochlorothiazide	1QL
hydrochlorothiazide/lisinopril	1QL
Aceon	3PA
Altace	3PA
Lexxel	3PA
Lotrel	3PA
Mavrit	3PA

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4. What are tiers?

- Tier 1 is the cheapest co-payment option
- Tier 2 is the intermediate co-payment option
- Tier 3 is the high co-payment option and sometimes requires prior authorization (PA) which involves completing paperwork to be submitted to the insurance plan stating rationale behind use of the medication

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