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Dear TRICARE Beneficiary,

You are receiving this letter to inform you of a recent change to the Department of Defense (DoD) TRICARE Pharmacy Program formulary. On February 13, 2008, the Director, TRICARE Management Activity, approved formulary recommendations of the DoD Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee for a drug class known as the targeted immunomodulatory biologics, which are medications used to treat conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis, Crohn's disease, and psoriasis.

The DoD P&T Committee selected the most clinically effective and cost-effective of these agents for inclusion on the formulary and designated other agents as non-formulary (Tier 3). Your medication history indicates that you are taking one of the non-formulary (Tier 3) medications listed below.

**Co-pays Changes Effective June 18, 2008**

<b>Non-Formulary (Tier 3) Medications</b>	<b>Formulary Alternatives</b>
<b>Targeted Immunomodulatory Biologics</b>	
<i>Copay = \$22</i> Enbrel (etanercept) Kineret (anakinra)	<i>Copay = \$9</i> Humira (adalimumab) Amevive (alefacept) Raptiva (efalizumab)

Non-formulary (Tier 3) medications remain available to you, but at a higher copay of \$22 (unless you are on Active duty). Since Active Duty Service Members do not pay copays, non-formulary products are available only when they are determined to be medically necessary.

We encourage you to talk to your health care provider about using one of the formulary agents. However, you should continue taking your medication as prescribed until you are able to talk with your health care provider. If Enbre or Kineret is determined to be medically necessary, you may be able to receive it at the Tier 2 copay (\$9 rather than \$22). Please refer to [www.tricare.mil/pharmacy/medicalnecessity](http://www.tricare.mil/pharmacy/medicalnecessity) for information on completing the required medical necessity documentation. This determination is based on information provided by your health care provider.

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Would you like to save even more money? TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy (TMOP) home delivery offers you a three-month supply for the cost of a one-month supply at a retail pharmacy. Using TMOP also lowers costs for DoD, which helps sustain your benefit. It's easier than ever to switch! Just call the Member Choice Center at (877)363-1433, or use the Web site at [www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE](http://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE) and your eligible prescriptions will be delivered right to your home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elder Granger", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Elder Granger  
Major General, MC, USA  
Deputy Director