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**TRICARE
MANAGEMENT
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Dear TRICARE Beneficiary,

I am writing to inform you of recent changes to the Department of Defense (DoD) TRICARE Pharmacy Program Uniform formulary. On February 2, 2009, the Director, TRICARE Management Activity approved recommendations from the DoD Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P&T) Committee for the Nasal Allergy drug class. The DoD P&T Committee selected the most clinically effective and cost effective medications for inclusion on the Uniform formulary (Tier 1 & Tier 2) and designated other products as non-formulary (Tier 3).

Your medication history indicates that you are or have used at least one of the non-formulary medications recently. I encourage you to talk to your health care provider about using one of the formulary medications listed in the table on the enclosed page titled "List of Formulary Alternatives for Non-formulary Medications". Non-formulary medications remain available to beneficiaries, except for Active Duty, at a higher co-pay of \$22. TRICARE does not cover non-formulary medications for Active duty service members.

For questions, call TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy customer service at 1-866-363-8667 or call TRICARE Retail Pharmacy customer service at 1-866-363-8779. We at TRICARE are proud to serve our nation's military heroes and their families and are committed to providing them the world's best health care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elder Granger", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Elder Granger
Major General, MC, USA
Deputy Director, TRICARE Management Activity

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List of Formulary Alternatives for Non-formulary Medications

Co-pay Changes Effective April 8, 2009

Non-Formulary (Tier 3) Medications	Formulary Medications (Tier 1 & Tier 2)
Nasal Allergy Drugs	
Co-pay = \$22 Beconase AQ (beclomethasone) Rhinocort Aqua (budesonide) Omnaris (ciclesonide) Veramyst (fluticasone furoate) Nasacort AQ (triamcinolone) Patanase (olopatadine)	Co-pay = \$3 Flunisolide (Nasarel) Fluticasone propionate (Flonase) Ipratropium (Atrovent) Co-pay = \$9 Astelin (azelastine) Nasonex (mometasone)