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State by State Analysis of Medicare Part D Finds Low-Income Nursing Home Residents Have a Poor Chance of Being Enrolled in the Best Available Drug Plans

***Most Could Be Enrolled in a Better Plan at No Cost
If They Were Allowed to Receive Help From Their Caregivers***

Washington -- An analysis released today by the Long Term Care Pharmacy Alliance (LTCPA) finds most low-income nursing home residents have a poor chance of being enrolled in the Medicare Part D plan that best covers their medications – and most could immediately switch to a better plan at no cost if they were allowed to receive help from their caregivers.

Under the Medicare Part D prescription drug program, low-income nursing home residents who are “dual eligible” for both Medicare and Medicaid are qualified to have their medicines covered at no cost as long they are enrolled in one of several drug plans recognized as “below benchmark” in cost by the federal government’s Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

The LTCPA analysis finds those below benchmark plans vary greatly in terms of the drugs they cover and the restrictions they put on access to those medicines. Using the online plan finder CMS provides to beneficiaries to evaluate drug plans, LTCPA compared how below benchmark plans covered 10 drugs commonly prescribed to long-term care residents. The results varied dramatically from very good to very poor.

In New York, for example, there are roughly 80,000 low income nursing home residents who can choose to be enrolled in any of 13 below benchmark plans.

- 3 of those 13 plans cover all 10 drugs, and have restrictions such as requiring prior authorization or step therapy on only one drug.
- 10 of those 13 plans do not cover all drugs, with 2 of the plans not covering 4 of these drugs; and requiring prior authorization or step therapy for an additional 4 drugs.

No single drug plan is best for all nursing home residents all the time. Recognizing that, the Part D program allows low-income nursing home residents to choose among any below benchmark plan, and to switch plans monthly in order to guarantee the best coverage. In spite of the ability to select and change plans, few frail elderly nursing home residents do so. Because nursing home residents are typically very elderly and in poor physical and mental health, most lack the ability to evaluate, choose and enroll in a Part D plan on their own.

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To ensure nursing home residents receive some drug coverage, the federal government automatically assigns a plan to all low-income beneficiaries who fail to choose one on their own. Those beneficiaries are evenly – and randomly – distributed among all below benchmark cost plans in the region. That assignment is made without any attempt to match beneficiaries to the plan that best covers their drugs. As a result, while most regions have below benchmark cost plans available to cover all or most of a beneficiary's medicines with few restrictions, the odds are poor that they will be randomly assigned to that particular plan.

Making things worse, it is current federal policy that “under no circumstances should a nursing home require, request, coach or steer any resident to select or change a plan for any reason.” The same prohibition has been applied to other caregivers including pharmacists, nursing home staff and physicians.

“Hundreds of thousands of frail low-income nursing home residents in this country only need a little help to be enrolled in a Part D plan that better covers their medications. Yet, they are denied having the people they trust to care for them – their nurses, physicians and pharmacists – give them that help,” said LTCPA Executive Director Paul Baldwin. “It is unreasonable and unacceptable that so many nursing home residents are stuck in drug plans that don't fully cover their medicines when the only thing standing in their way is bad federal policy. Their health should not be left to random chance.”

The Long Term Care Pharmacy Alliance represents pharmacies that specialize in providing medicines to over one million of the nation's long-term care residents.

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State by State Formulary Variability in Medicare Prescription Drug Plans for Auto-Assigned Long-Term Care Residents

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Implementation of the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) resulted in moving drug coverage responsibility for the vast majority of residents of long-term care (LTC) facilities from Medicaid to Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs). Since 65 percent of nursing home residents are dually-eligible for Medicare and Medicaid¹, these beneficiaries are now subject to formularies developed by PDPs, rather than the access provisions of Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (OBRA'90)², which applied to Medicaid and which generally provided reliable access to prescription drug coverage for LTC residents.

In order to ensure that dual-eligibles did not experience gaps in coverage during the transition from Medicaid to Part D, the MMA contains a provision³ requiring the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to auto-enroll these beneficiaries into plans with premiums at or below the regional benchmark. This provision has resulted in dual-eligible residents of a single LTC facility being randomly auto-enrolled into any one of a number of PDPs.

Increased Options: Since the selection of plans eligible to receive auto-enrolled beneficiaries was based solely on premium costs and not on formulary compatibility, there would naturally be a high likelihood that beneficiaries would be assigned to plans that did not include access to the drugs they need.

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General (OIG) confirmed this by reporting⁴ that dual-eligibles across the nation could be enrolled in 409 PDPs using 37 different formularies in 2006. The number of available plans for auto-enrollment of dual-eligibles in 2007 increased to 483, further complicating an already complex landscape of beneficiary assignment.

¹ Kaiser Family Foundation; StateHealthfacts.org , December, 2006

² PL 101-508

³ PL 108-173§103 (b) (1) (c)

⁴ Dept. of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, Dual Eligibles' Transition: Part D Formularies' Inclusion of Commonly-used Drugs. January, 2006

The OIG, in its analysis, notes that “[R]andom assignment to PDPs may affect the number of dual eligibles who take a specific drug that is not included on their PDP’s formulary.”⁵

The report goes on to note that 18 percent of dual eligibles in the OIG survey were assigned to plans that included all of the top 178 drugs eligible for Medicare drug coverage, while 30 percent were enrolled in plans that included less than 85 percent of the top drugs. Clearly, large numbers of dual-eligible LTC residents have been auto-enrolled in plans that do not cover all the drugs they need.

Implications: CMS regulations allow residents of LTC facilities to change plan enrollment as often as they wish through a special enrollment period (SEP). This SEP also applies to dual eligibles. So, if a beneficiary is enrolled in a plan that is not appropriate for her drug regimen, she has the right to change plans. As a practical matter, the change can take place once per month and the new enrollment is not effective until the first of the following month, or perhaps later, depending on how close to the end of the month the change is made.

The provisions of the Medicare Marketing Guidelines⁶ prohibit either pharmacy personnel or nursing home personnel from offering advice to beneficiaries on plan selection or assistance in enrollment. CMS believes that caregivers may have incentives to persuade beneficiaries to enroll in plans that offer superior benefits to the provider, in terms of reimbursement or convenience, rather than those that are best for the beneficiary.

CMS signaled its intent to enforce this provision by issuing a guidance document from the Survey and Certification Group within the Center for Medicaid and State Operations⁷. This document advises state survey agencies that they need to be aware of efforts to “steer” beneficiaries to plans. Although the context of this directive seems to involve cases in which beneficiaries have chosen a particular plan, not where they have been auto-assigned, instructions to state surveyors are clear:

“Under no circumstances should a nursing home require, request, coach or steer any resident to select or change a plan for any reason.”⁸

Summary of the Formulary Comparison Study: In order to compare the formulary designs of PDPs whose premiums render them eligible for participation in the auto-enrollment process, we created a drug regimen consisting of ten drugs frequently prescribed for nursing home residents. These drugs treat a

⁵ Ibid

⁶ Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Medicare Marketing Guidelines for: Medicare Advantage Plans; Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plans; and Prescription Drug Plans, revised July 25, 2006

⁷ Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Survey and Certification Group, Memo to State Survey Agency Directors, S&C 06-16 May 11, 2006

⁸ Ibid

variety of conditions common among the very elderly and are listed as preferred agents by institutional pharmacies.

These drugs were compared, using the CMS Plan Finder⁹, against plan formularies in each of the 34 CMS PDP Regions for those plans eligible to accept auto-enrolled beneficiaries. The possible outcomes of the search could include:

- On formulary, without restriction
- On formulary, but subject to prior authorization or step therapy¹⁰
- Not on formulary

As the following analysis demonstrates, the variability of access between plans for these drugs is quite significant. Often, we find that there are two or more plans with relatively few, if any, restrictions. Similarly, there are a few plans with several drugs not available and several more with restrictions.

Conclusion: Assigning dual-eligible LTC residents to Part D plans randomly can produce a large variation in individual access to appropriate therapies. As a result, nursing home staff, prescribers and pharmacy staff will be required to intervene to either obtain the plan authorization or to request a medical exception or to change the beneficiary to alternative medicines in place of drugs that may have demonstrated effectiveness over long periods.

The implementation of Part D in the LTC setting has, as one might expect, resulted in significant operational challenges physicians, nursing facilities and pharmacies as they attempt to provide needed medicines to these residents. Most commercial health plans have little, if any, previous experience with this population and virtually all pharmacies have been required to add staff to navigate plan access provisions in order to provide services under Part D.

Our analysis demonstrates that, under the auto-enrollment process, many dually-eligible nursing home residents are at risk for assignment to plans that are inadequate for their medical needs. Further, current CMS policies limit the ability of caregivers to help beneficiaries enroll in more appropriate plans.

Information Sources: As noted above, plan formularies were obtained through the Medicare Plan Finder. Statistical information on the number of nursing home residents and dual-eligibility was obtained from the state health facts web site of the Kaiser Family Foundation¹¹ and is based on 2005 information.

⁹ www.medicare.gov

¹⁰ Step therapy requirements deny the use of the selected drug until/unless a preferred alternative has been tried and found not to have been successful.

¹¹ Op cit, Kaiser Family Foundation

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Region 1: Maine and New Hampshire

Nursing Home Residents:	Maine:	6,380
	<u>New Hampshire:</u>	<u>6,597</u>
	Total:	12,977
Number of Dual Eligible Residents:	Maine:	4,275 (67%)
	<u>New Hampshire:</u>	<u>4,354 (66%)</u>
	Total:	8,629
Number of Nursing Homes:	Maine:	106
	<u>New Hampshire:</u>	<u>76</u>
	Total:	182
Number of PDPs below the Benchmark:		18

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences:

- 3 Plans cover all drugs, but require prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- One plan covers all drugs, but requires PA or step therapy for four drugs
- 10 plans do not cover all drugs, with two plans not covering 4 of these drugs and requiring PA or step therapy for an additional 4 drugs

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levamisin Xenaderm

On formulary; no restriction
Requires prior authorization or step therapy
Not covered



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Region 2: Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont

Nursing Home Residents:	Connecticut:	25,571
	Massachusetts:	42,127
	Rhode Island:	7,804
	Vermont:	2,855
	Total:	78,357

Number of Dual Eligible Residents:	Connecticut:	16,621 (65%)
	Massachusetts:	27,383 (65%)
	Rhode Island:	5,229 (67%)
	Vermont:	1,884 (66%)
	Total:	51,117

Number of Nursing Homes:	Connecticut:	227
	Massachusetts:	432
	Rhode Island:	84
	Vermont:	36
	Total:	779

Number of PDPs below Benchmark: 15

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Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences:

- 3 Plans cover all drugs, but require prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- 12 plans do not cover all drugs, with two plans not covering 4 of these drugs and requiring PA or step therapy for an additional 4 drugs

Region 2 PDPs for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Signature Rx Value Plan



AARP Medicare Rx Plan



Humana PDP Standard



Health Net Orange Option 1



AARP Medicare Rx Plan-Saver



Community Care Rx Basic



HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan-Reg 2



Prescription Pathway Bronze- Reg 2



Medicare Rx Rewards Value



Advantage Star Plan (Rx America)



Wellcare Signature



Wellcare Classic



Silverscript



Sterling Rx



Blue Medicare Rx Value





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Region 3: New York

Nursing Home Residents:	109,543
Number of Dual Eligible Residents:	79,966
Number of Nursing Homes:	635
Number of PDPs below Benchmark:	13

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Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences:

- 3 Plans cover all drugs, but require prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- 10 plans do not cover all drugs, with two plans not covering 4 of these drugs and requiring PA or step therapy for an additional 4 drugs

New York

Region 3 PDPs for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Signature Rx Value Plan

Humana PDP Standard

HIP Standard Part D-New York

AARP Medicare Plan-Saver

Health Spring Prescription Drug Plan-Reg 3

Prescription Pathway Bronze-Reg 3

Advantage Star Plan-Rx America

Bravo Rx II

Rx1

Wellcare Classic

Wellcare Signature

Sterling Rx

Medicare Rx Rewards Value

Green	On formulary; no restriction
Yellow	Requires prior authorization or step therapy
Red	Not covered



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Region 4: New Jersey

Nursing Home Residents:	42,075
Number of Dual Eligible Residents:	27,349
Number of Nursing Homes:	341
Number of PDPs below Benchmark:	19

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

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Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences:

- 3 Plans cover all drugs, but require prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- One plan covers all drugs, but requires PA or step therapy for four drugs
- 15 plans do not cover all drugs, with two plans not covering 4 of these drugs and requiring PA or step therapy for an additional 4 drugs.
- One plan does not cover 5 of these drugs.

Region 4 PDPs for Auto-enrollment
Plan Name

New Jersey

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Signature Rx Value Plan



AARP MedicareRx Plan



Humana PDP Standard



Health Net Orange Option 2



Health Net Orange Option 1



AARP MedicareRx Plan-Saver



UnitedHealth Rx Basic



First Health Premier



HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan-Reg 4



Prescription Pathway Bronze Reg 4



MedicareRx Rewards Value



Advantage Star Plan by RxAmerica



Bravo Rx1



Wellcare Classic



Wellcare Signature



Sterling Rx



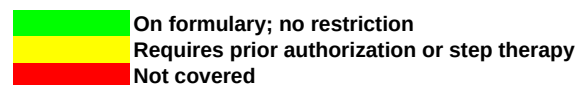
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Aetna Medicare Rx Essentials



Bravo Rx2





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Region 5: District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware

Nursing Home Residents:	DC:	2,904
	Maryland:	24,164
	<u>Delaware:</u>	<u>3,799</u>
	Total	30,867
Number of Dual Eligible Residents:	DC:	2,178 (74%)
	Maryland:	14,740 (61%)
	<u>Delaware:</u>	<u>2,241 (59%)</u>
	Total	19,159
Number of Nursing Homes:	DC:	20
	Maryland:	228
	<u>Delaware:</u>	<u>41</u>
	Total	289
Number of PDPs below Benchmark:		16

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Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences:

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- One plan covers all drugs, but requires PA or step therapy for four drugs
- 12 plans do not cover all drugs, with two plans not covering 4 of these drugs and requiring PA or step therapy for an additional 4 drugs.

DC, Delaware, Maryland

Region 5 PDPs for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Cignature Rx Value Plan



AARP Medicare Rx Plan



Humana PDP Standard



Health Net Orange Option 2



Health Net Orange Option 1



AARP Medicare Rx Plan-Saver



UnitedHealth Rx Basic



First Health Premier



HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan-Reg 5



Prescription Pathway Bronze Plan-Reg 5



Advantage Star Plan by Rx America



Bravo Rx2



Wellcare Signature



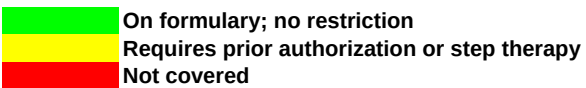
Wellcare Classic



Aetna Medicare Rx Essentials



SilverScript





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Region 6: Pennsylvania and West Virginia

Number of Nursing Home Residents:	Pennsylvania:	77,679
	<u>West Virginia:</u>	8,679
	Total:	86,358
Number of Dual-Eligible Residents:	Pennsylvania:	48,938(63%)
	<u>West Virginia:</u>	6,336(73%)
	Total:	55,274
Number of Nursing Homes:	Pennsylvania:	702
	<u>West Virginia:</u>	120
	Total:	822
Number of PDPs below Benchmark:		20

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Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences:

- 3 Plans cover all drugs, but require prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- One plan covers all drugs, but requires PA or step therapy for four drugs
- 16 plans do not cover all drugs, with four plans not covering 6 of the ten drugs

Region 6 PDPs for Auto-enrollment

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Leviquin Xenaderm

Age Group	Male (%)	Female (%)
18-24	45	55
25-34	40	60
35-44	35	65
45-54	30	70
55+	25	75

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Frequency	Percentage
Daily	45%
Weekly	30%
Monthly	15%
Never	10%

Age Group	Percentage
18-24	15%
25-34	10%
35-44	20%
45-54	35%
55-64	15%
65-74	5%
75+	5%



On formulary; no restriction
Requires prior authorization or step therapy
Not covered



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Region 7: Virginia

Number of Nursing Home Residents:	25,065
Number of Dual-eligible Residents:	15,791 (63%)
Number of Nursing Homes:	248
Number of PDPs below the Benchmark:	17

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
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Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

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Virginia

Region 7 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Cignature Rx Value Plan	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
AARP Medicare Rx Plan	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
Humana PDP Standard	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
Health Net Orange Option 2	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
Health Net Orange Option 1	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
AARP Medicare Rx Plan-Saver	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
UnitedHealth Rx Basic	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
First Health Premier	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan-Reg 7	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
Prescription Pathway Bronze Plan-Reg 7	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
Medicare Rx Rewards Value	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered
Advantage Star Plan by Rx America	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
Wellcare Signature	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	Not covered	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered
Wellcare Classic	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	Not covered	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered
Aetna Medicare Rx Essentials	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered
Blue Medicare Rx Value	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
SilverScript	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered

■ On formulary; no restriction
■ Requires prior authorization or step therapy
■ Not covered



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Region 8: North Carolina

Number of Nursing Home Resident:	36,330
Number of Dual-eligible Residents:	25,431 (70%)
Number of Nursing Homes:	403
Number of PDPs below the Benchmark:	14

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North Carolina

Region 8 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Plan Name	Green	Yellow	Red
Signature Rx Value Plan	85%	10%	5%
AARP Medicare Rx Plan	75%	15%	10%
Humana PDP Standard	85%	10%	5%
Health Net Orange Option 2	40%	15%	10%
Health Net Orange Option 1	40%	15%	10%
AARP Medicare Rx Plan-Saver	75%	15%	10%
First Health Premier	40%	15%	10%
HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan-Reg 8	40%	15%	10%
Prescription Pathway Bronze Plan-Reg 8	40%	15%	10%
Advantage Star Plan by Rx America	40%	15%	10%
Wellcare Signature	40%	15%	10%
Wellcare Classic	40%	15%	10%
Aetna Medicare Rx Essentials	40%	15%	10%
SilverScript	40%	15%	10%

Green	On formulary; no restriction
Yellow	Requires prior authorization or step therapy
Red	Not covered



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Region 9: South Carolina

Number of Nursing Home Residents:	15,487
Number of Dual-eligible Residents:	10,841 (70%)
Number of Nursing Homes:	162
Number of PDPs below the Benchmark:	16

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences:

- 4 Plans cover all drugs, but require prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- One plan covers all drugs, but requires PA or step therapy for four drugs
- 11 plans do not cover all drugs, with 4 plans not covering 4 of the ten drugs

South Carolina

Region 9 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Plan Name	Category 1 (Green)	Category 2 (Yellow)	Category 3 (Red)	Category 4 (Green)	Category 5 (Yellow)	Category 6 (Red)	Category 7 (Green)	Category 8 (Yellow)	Category 9 (Red)	Category 10 (Green)	Category 11 (Yellow)	Category 12 (Red)	Category 13 (Green)	Category 14 (Yellow)	Category 15 (Red)	Category 16 (Green)	Category 17 (Yellow)	Category 18 (Red)	Category 19 (Green)	Category 20 (Yellow)	Category 21 (Red)	Category 22 (Green)	Category 23 (Yellow)	Category 24 (Red)	Category 25 (Green)	Category 26 (Yellow)	Category 27 (Red)	Category 28 (Green)	Category 29 (Yellow)	Category 30 (Red)	Category 31 (Green)	Category 32 (Yellow)	Category 33 (Red)	Category 34 (Green)	Category 35 (Yellow)	Category 36 (Red)	Category 37 (Green)	Category 38 (Yellow)	Category 39 (Red)	Category 40 (Green)	Category 41 (Yellow)	Category 42 (Red)	Category 43 (Green)	Category 44 (Yellow)	Category 45 (Red)	Category 46 (Green)	Category 47 (Yellow)	Category 48 (Red)	Category 49 (Green)	Category 50 (Yellow)	Category 51 (Red)	Category 52 (Green)	Category 53 (Yellow)	Category 54 (Red)	Category 55 (Green)	Category 56 (Yellow)	Category 57 (Red)	Category 58 (Green)	Category 59 (Yellow)	Category 60 (Red)	Category 61 (Green)	Category 62 (Yellow)	Category 63 (Red)	Category 64 (Green)	Category 65 (Yellow)	Category 66 (Red)	Category 67 (Green)	Category 68 (Yellow)	Category 69 (Red)	Category 70 (Green)	Category 71 (Yellow)	Category 72 (Red)	Category 73 (Green)	Category 74 (Yellow)	Category 75 (Red)	Category 76 (Green)	Category 77 (Yellow)	Category 78 (Red)	Category 79 (Green)	Category 80 (Yellow)	Category 81 (Red)	Category 82 (Green)	Category 83 (Yellow)	Category 84 (Red)	Category 85 (Green)	Category 86 (Yellow)	Category 87 (Red)	Category 88 (Green)	Category 89 (Yellow)	Category 90 (Red)	Category 91 (Green)	Category 92 (Yellow)	Category 93 (Red)	Category 94 (Green)	Category 95 (Yellow)	Category 96 (Red)	Category 97 (Green)	Category 98 (Yellow)	Category 99 (Red)	Category 100 (Green)
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On formulary; no restriction
Requires prior authorization or step therapy
Not covered



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Region 10: Georgia

Number of Nursing Home Residents:	33,907
Number of Dual-eligible Residents:	25,769 (76%)
Number of Nursing Homes:	338
Number of PDPs below Benchmark:	16

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences:

- 4 Plans cover all drugs, but require prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- One plan covers all drugs, but requires PA or step therapy for four drugs
- 11 plans do not cover all drugs, with 4 plans not covering 4 of the ten drugs

Region 10 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Georgia

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Signature Rx Value Plan



AARP Medicare Rx Plan



Advantage Freedom Plan by Rx America



Humana PDP Standard



Health Net Orange Option 2



Health Net Orange Option 1



AARP Medicare Rx Plan-Saver



First Health Premier



Community Care Rx Basic



UA Medicare Part D Rx Covrg-Silver Plan



HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan-Reg 10



Prescription Pathway Bronze Plan-Reg 10



Advantage Star Plan by Rx America



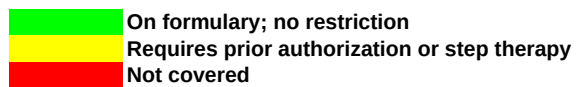
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Wellcare Classic



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Region 11: Florida

Number of Nursing Home Residents: 66,209

Number of Dual-eligible Residents: 39,725

Number of Nursing Homes: 626

Number of PDPs below Benchmark: 5

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences:

- One plan covers all drugs, but applies prior authorization (PA) or step therapy to one drug
- Four plans do not cover all drugs, with four plans not covering 4 of the ten selected.

Region 11 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Florida

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Humana PDP Standard										
Health Net Orange Option 1										
AARP Medicare Rx Plan-Saver										
Wellcare Signature										
Wellcare Classic										

- On formulary; no restriction
- Requires prior authorization or step therapy
- Not covered



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Region 12: Alabama and Tennessee

Number of Nursing Home Residents:	Alabama:	15,678
	Tennessee:	<u>30,881</u>
	Total:	46,559
Number of Dual-eligible Residents:	Alabama:	11,131 (71%)
	Tennessee:	<u>21,308 (69%)</u>
	Total:	33,039
Number of Nursing Homes:	Alabama:	163
	Tennessee:	<u>308</u>
	Total:	471
Number PDPs below Benchmark:		14

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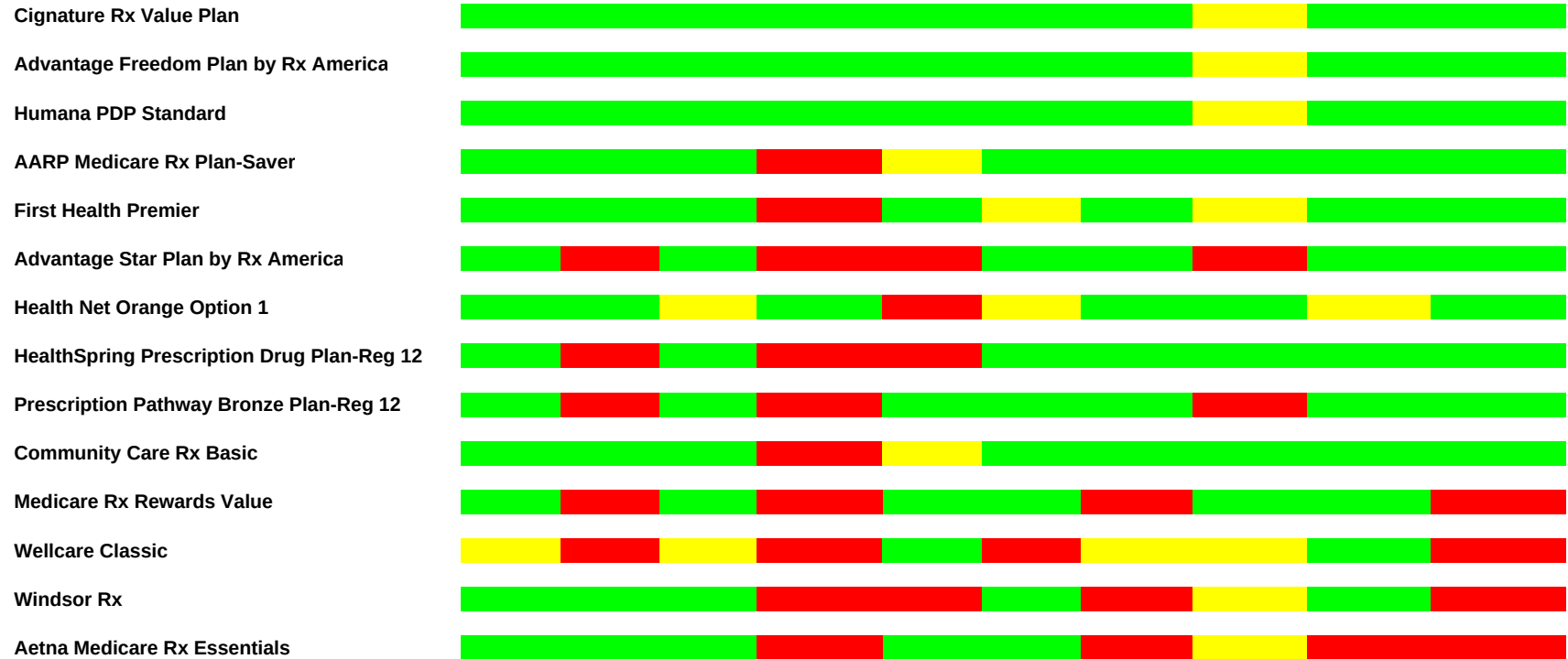
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Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences:

- Three plans cover all drugs, but require prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one.
- 11 Plans do not cover all drugs, with 4 plans not covering 4 of the 10 drugs selected.

Region 12 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm



Green	On formulary; no restriction
Yellow	Requires prior authorization or step therapy
Red	Not covered



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Region 13: Michigan

Number of Nursing Home Residents:	39,880
Number of Dual-eligible Residents:	26,321 (66%)
Number of Nursing Homes:	407
Number of PDPs below Benchmark:	15

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences:

- Three plans cover all drugs, but apply prior authorization (PA) or step therapy to one.
- One plan covers all drugs but applies PA or step therapy to four drugs
- 11 Plans do not cover all drugs, and four plans do not cover four of the ten drugs selected

Michigan

Region 13 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Signature Rx Value Plan



AARP Medicare Rx Plan



Humana PDP Standard



Health Net Orange Option 2



Health Net Orange Option 1



AARP Medicare Rx Plan-Saver



HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan-Reg 13



Priority Medicare Rx



Prescription Pathway Bronze Plan-Reg 13



Advantage Star Plan by Rx America



Bravo Rx2



Wellcare Classic



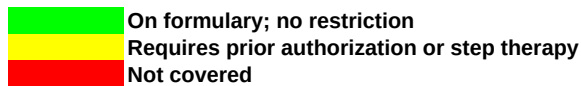
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Aetna Medicare Rx Essentials





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Region 14: Ohio

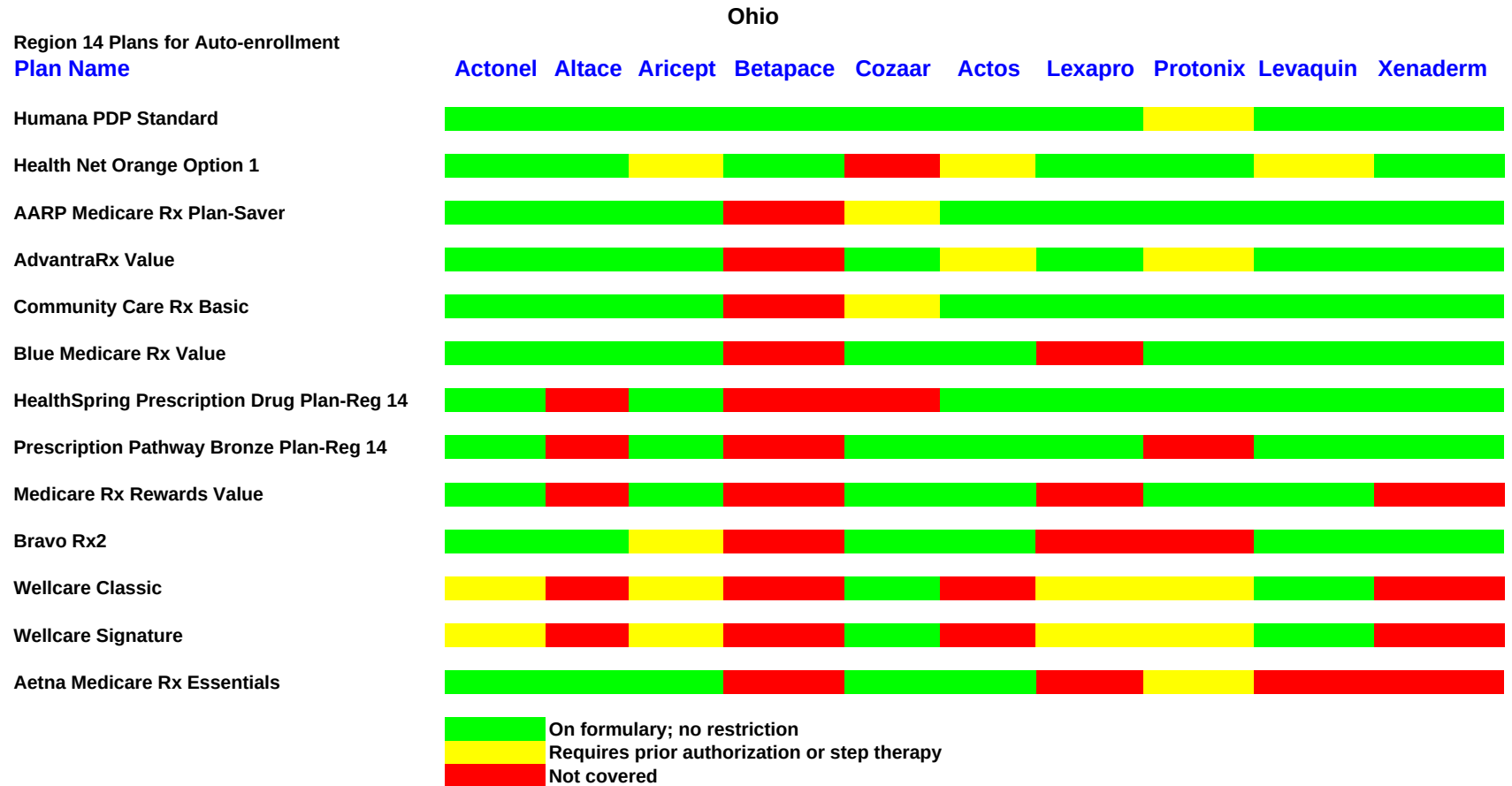
Number of Nursing Home Residents:	71,174
Number of Dual-eligible Residents:	46,263 (65%)
Number of Nursing Homes:	864
Number of PDPs below Benchmark:	13

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences

- One plan covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- 12 Plans do not cover all drugs, with four plans not covering four of the drugs selected.





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Region 15: Indiana and Kentucky

Number of Nursing Home Residents:	Kentucky:	23,253
	Indiana:	36,499
	Total	59,752
Number of Dual-eligible Residents:	Kentucky:	15,580 (67%)
	Indiana:	22,629 (62%)
	Total:	38,209
Number of Nursing Homes:	Kentucky:	295
	Indiana:	468
	Total:	763
Number of PDPs below Benchmark:		16

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences

- Three plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- One Plan covers all drugs, but requires PA or step therapy on four drugs
- 12 plans do not cover all drugs, with four plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.

Indiana/Kentucky										
Region 15 Plans for Auto-enrollment	Actonel	Altace	Aricept	Betapace	Cozaar	Actos	Lexapro	Protonix	Levaquin	Xenaderm
Plan Name										
Signature Rx Value Plan	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
Humana PDP Standard	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
AARP Medicare Rx Plan	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
Health Net Orange Option 2	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
Blue Medicare Rx Value	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
AARP Medicare Rx Plan-Saver	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
Health Net Orange Option 1	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
Medicare Rx Rewards Value	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered
Community Care Rx Basic	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan-Reg 15	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
First Health Premier	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
Prescription Pathway Bronze Plan-Reg 15	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
Advantage Star Plan by Rx America	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
SilverScript	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
Wellcare Classic	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	Not covered	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered
Wellcare Signature	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	Not covered	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered
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Region 16: Wisconsin

Number of Nursing Home Residents:	31,891
Number of Dual-eligible Residents:	20,410 (64%)
Number of Nursing Homes:	379
Number PDPs below the Benchmark:	19

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences

- Three plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- One Plan covers all drugs, but requires PA or step therapy on four drugs
- 15 plans do not cover all drugs, with six plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.

Region 16 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levquin Xenaderm

On formulary; no restriction
Requires prior authorization or step therapy
Not covered



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Region 17: Illinois

Number of Nursing Home Residents:	72,298
Number of Dual-eligible Residents:	45,548 (63%)
Number of Nursing Homes:	749
Number of PDPs below Benchmark:	17

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences

- Three plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- One Plan covers all drugs, but requires PA or step therapy on four drugs
- 13 plans do not cover all drugs, with six plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.

Illinois

Region 17 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Plan Name	Green	Yellow	Red
Cigna Rx Value Plan	75%	15%	10%
AARP Medicare Rx Plan	60%	15%	25%
Humana PDP Standard	80%	15%	5%
Health Net Orange Option 2	30%	20%	50%
Health Net Orange Option 1	30%	20%	50%
AARP Medicare Rx Plan-Saver	60%	15%	25%
UnitedHealth Rx Basic	60%	15%	25%
HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan-Reg 17	30%	0%	70%
Prescription Pathway Bronze Plan-Reg 17	30%	0%	70%
Advantage Star Plan by Rx America	30%	0%	70%
Wellcare Signature	20%	20%	60%
Wellcare Classic	20%	20%	60%
Bravo Rx2	30%	15%	55%
Bravo Rx1	30%	15%	55%
SilverScript	60%	0%	40%
Aetna Medicare Rx Essentials	60%	15%	25%

Green	On formulary; no restriction
Yellow	Requires prior authorization or step therapy
Red	Not covered



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Region 18: Missouri

Number of Nursing Home Residents:	35,684
Number of Dual-eligible Residents:	22,838 (64%)
Number of Nursing Homes:	491
Number of PDPs below the Benchmark:	10

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences

- One plan covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug.
- Nine plans do not cover all drugs, and three plans do not cover 4 of the ten drugs selected.

Missouri

Region 18 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Humana PDP Standard

AARP Medicare Rx Plan-Saver

Health Net Orange Option 1

Community Care Rx Basic

HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan-Reg 18**Prescription Pathway Bronze Plan-Reg 18**

Medicare Rx Rewards Value

Wellcare Signature

Wellcare Classic

Blue MedicareRx Value

Green	On formulary; no restriction
Yellow	Requires prior authorization or step therapy
Red	Not covered



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Region 19: Arkansas

Number of Nursing Home Residents:	17,305
Number of Dual-eligible Residents:	12,287 (71%)
Number of Nursing Homes:	235
Number of PDPs below the Benchmark:	18

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences

- Three plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- 15 plans do not cover all drugs, with six plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.

Arkansas

Region 19 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Signature Rx Value Plan



Humana PDP Standard



Advantage Freedom Plan by Rx America



AARP Medicare Rx Plan-Saver



Health Net Orange Option 1



UA Medicare Part D Rx Covrg-Silver Plan



HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan-Reg 19



Prescription Pathway Bronze Plan-Reg 19



Advantage Star Plan by Rx America



First Health Premier



Fox Rx Care Choice Plan



Windsor Rx



Medicare Rx Rewards Value



SilverScript



Aetna Medicare Rx Essentials



Medi-Pak Rx Basic



Wellcare Signature



Wellcare Classic



On formulary; no restriction
Requires prior authorization or step therapy
Not covered



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Region 20: Mississippi

Number of Nursing Home Residents:	15,490
Number of Dual-eligible Residents:	11,772 (76%)
Number of Nursing Homes:	198
Number of PDPs below the Benchmark:	15

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences

- Four plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- 11 plans do not cover all drugs, with five plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.

Mississippi

Region 20 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Signature Rx Value Plan



Humana PDP Standard



Advantage Freedom Plan by Rx America



AARP Medicare Rx Plan



AARP Medicare Rx Plan-Saver



Health Net Orange Option 1



Health Net Orange Option 2



HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan-Reg 20



Prescription Pathway Bronze Plan-Reg 20



Advantage Star Plan by Rx America



SilverScript



Windsor Rx



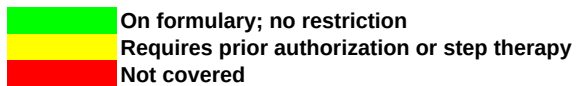
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Wellcare Classic



Aetna Medicare Rx Essentials





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Region 21: Louisiana

Number of Nursing Home Residents:	25,569
Number of Dual-eligible Residents:	19,944 (78%)
Number of Nursing Homes:	272
Number of PDPs below the Benchmark:	8

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

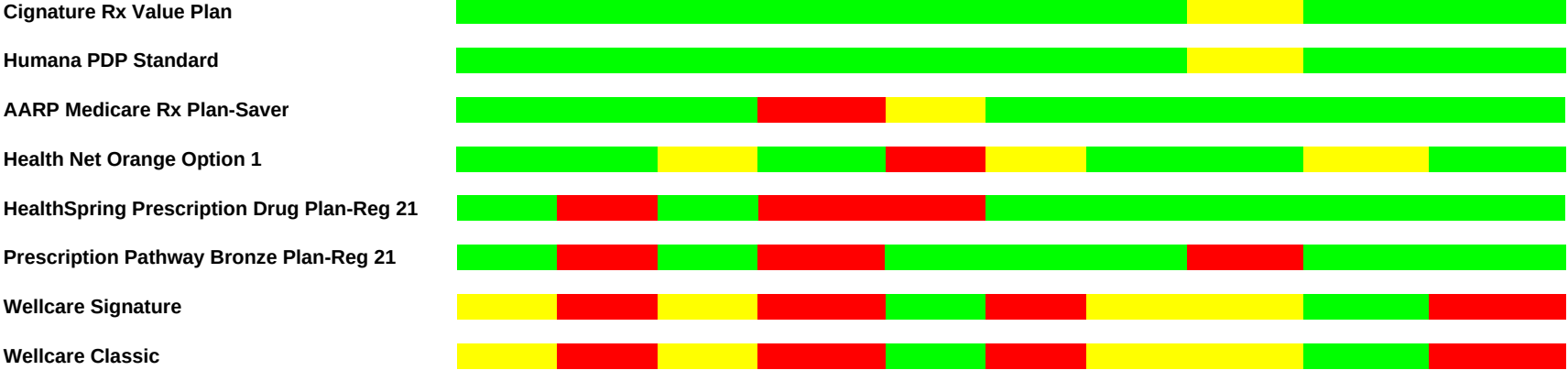
Plan Differences

- Two plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- Six plans do not cover all drugs, with two plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.

Louisiana

Region 21 Plans for Auto-enrollment
Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm



On formulary; no restriction
Requires prior authorization or step therapy
Not covered



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Region 22: Texas

Number of Nursing Home Residents	84,104
Number of Dual-eligible Residents	57,191
Number of Nursing Homes	1,074
Number of PDPs below the Benchmark:	12

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences

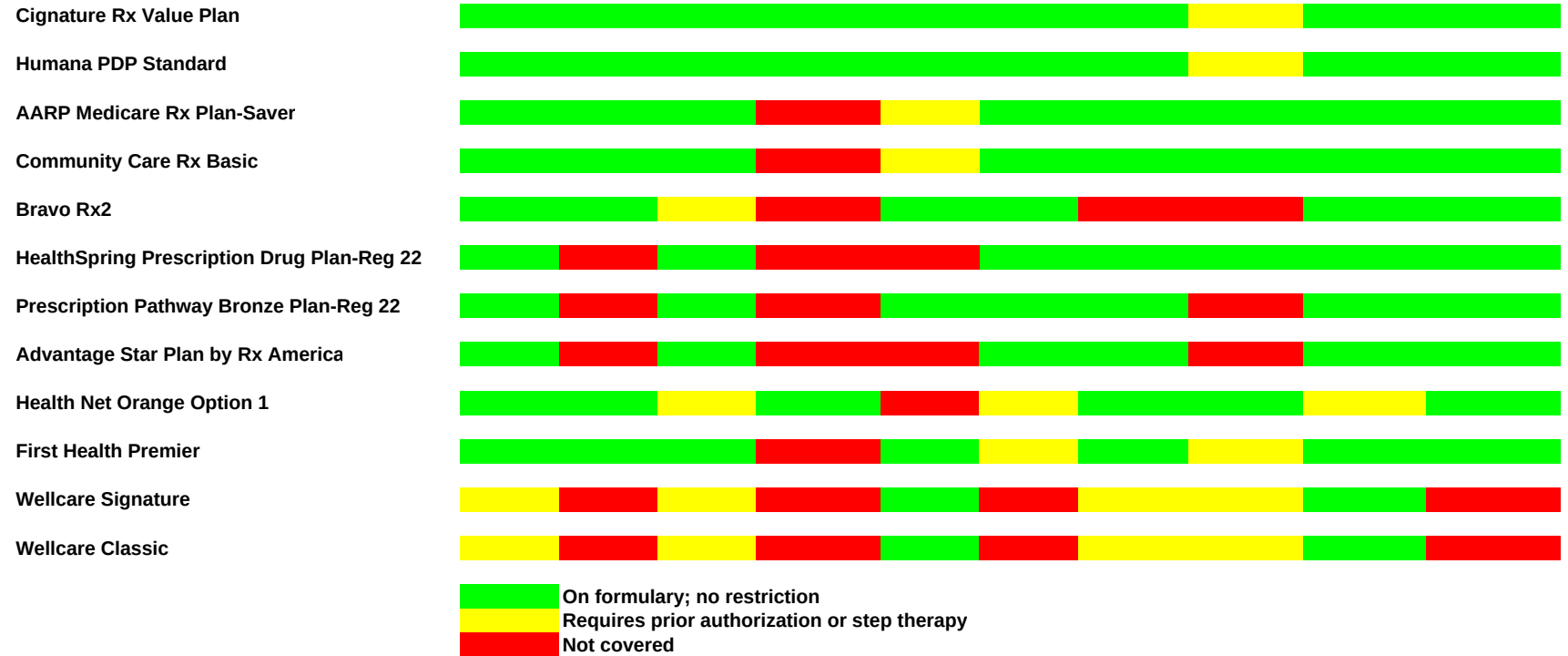
- Two plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- 10 plans do not cover all drugs, with three plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.

Texas

Region 22 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm





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Region 23: Oklahoma

Number of Nursing Home Residents	20,580
Number of Dual-eligible Residents:	13,377
Number of Nursing Homes	345
Number of PDPs below Benchmark:	14

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences

- Four plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- 10 plans do not cover all drugs, with four plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.

Oklahoma

Region 23 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaguin Xenaderm

Plan Name	Green	Yellow	Red
Signature Rx Value Plan	85%	10%	5%
Humana PDP Standard	80%	15%	5%
Advantage Freedom Plan by Rx America	80%	15%	5%
AARP Medicare Rx Plan	60%	15%	25%
AARP Medicare Rx Plan-Saver	45%	15%	40%
HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan-Reg 23	35%	0%	65%
Prescription Pathway Bronze Plan-Reg 23	35%	0%	65%
Advantage Star Plan by Rx America	35%	0%	65%
First Health Premier	45%	15%	40%
Health Net Orange Option 1	35%	15%	50%
SilverScript	45%	0%	55%
Aetna Medicare Rx Essentials	45%	15%	40%
Wellcare Signature	35%	25%	40%
Wellcare Classic	35%	25%	40%

On formulary; no restriction
Requires prior authorization or step therapy
Not covered



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Region 24: Kansas

Number of Nursing Home Residents:	19,684
Number of Dual-eligible Residents:	10,629 (54%)
Number of Nursing Homes	349
Number of PDPs below Benchmark:	16

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences

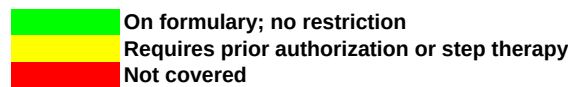
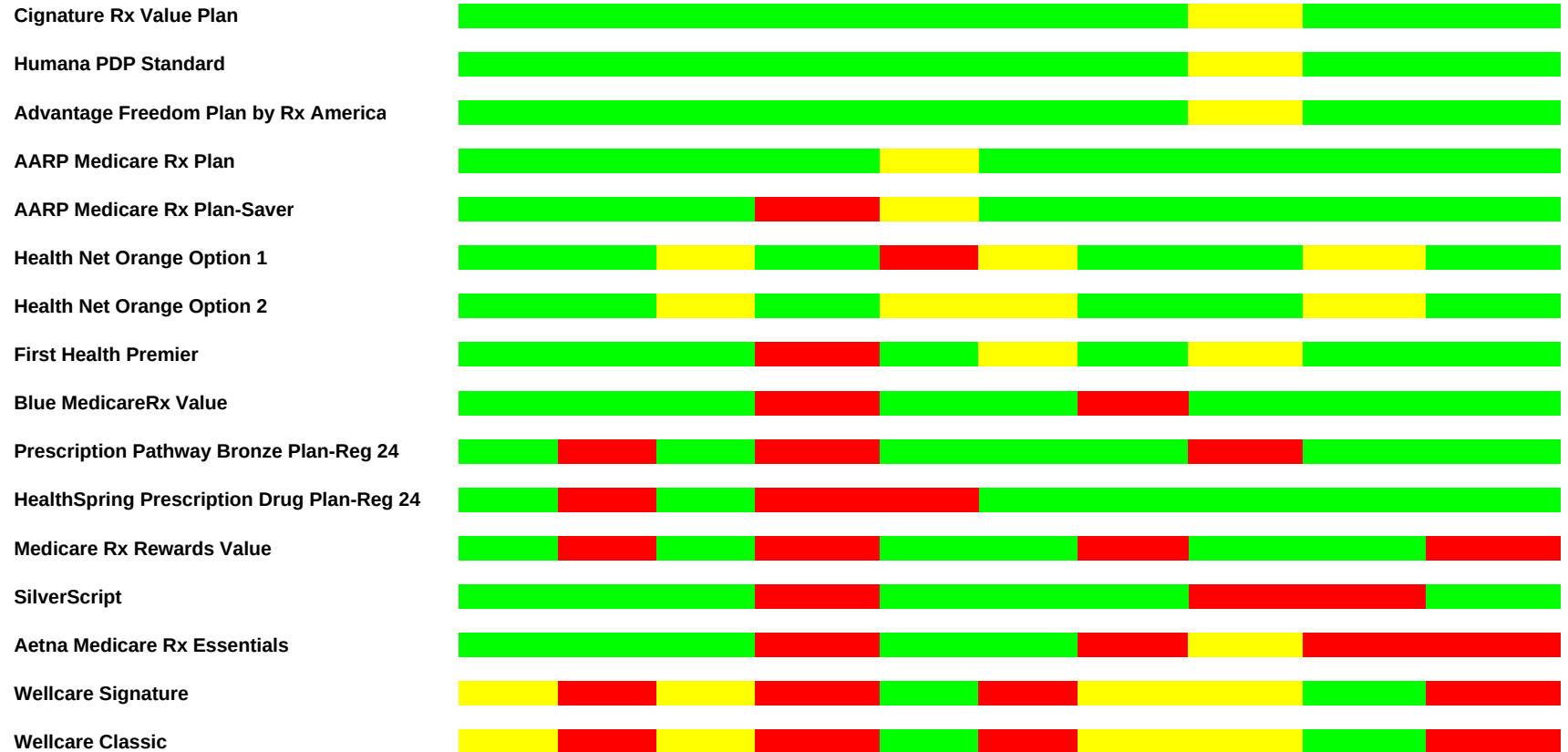
- Four plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- 12 plans do not cover all drugs, with four plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.

Kansas

Region 24 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm





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Region 25: Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Nebraska, Wyoming

Number of Nursing Home Residents:	Minnesota:	29,526
	North Dakota	5,768
	South Dakota	6,360
	Montana	4,883
	Iowa	26,057
	Nebraska	12,480
	Wyoming	2,205
	Total	87,279
Number of Dual-eligible Residents	Minnesota:	17,125 (58%)
	North Dakota	3,230 (56%)
	South Dakota	3,498 (55%)
	Montana	2,686 (57%)
	Iowa	13,028 (50%)
	Nebraska	7,114 (54%)
	Wyoming	1,323 (60%)
	Total	48,004 (57%)
Number of Nursing Homes:	Minnesota	356
	North Dakota	78
	Wyoming	36
	Montana	88
	Iowa	435
	Nebraska	215
	South Dakota	107
	Total	1,317
Number of PDPs below Benchmark:	16	

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel: Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace: Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept: Treatment of Alzheimer's disease

Betapace: Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar: Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos: Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro: Treatment of depression
Protonix: Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin: Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm: Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences

- Two plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- One plan covers all drugs, but requires PA or step therapy for four drugs
- 13 plans do not cover all drugs, with five plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.

Region 25 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Iowa/Minnesota/North Dakota/South Dakota/Nebraska
Montana/Wyoming

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Humana PDP Standard



AARP Medicare Rx Plan



Health Net Orange Option 2



Health Net Orange Option 1



AARP Medicare Rx Plan-Saver



Community Care Rx Basic



HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan-Reg 25



MedicareBlue Rx Option 1



Prescription Pathway Bronze Plan-Reg 25



Advantage Star Plan by Rx America



Medicare Rx Rewards Value



Wellcare Signature



Wellcare Classic



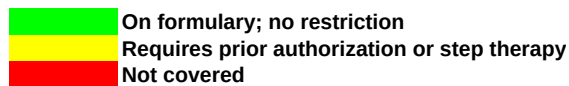
Aetna Medicare Rx Essentials



Fox Rx Care Choice Plan



SilverScript





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Region 26: New Mexico

Number of Nursing Home Residents:	5,494
Number of Dual-eligible Residents:	3,681 (67%)
Number of Nursing Homes	68
Number of PDPs below Benchmark:	9

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences

- One plan covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- 8 plans do not cover all drugs, with three plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.

Region 26 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

New Mexico

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Humana PDP Standard



Health Net Orange Option 1



AARP Medicare Rx Plan-Saver



Prescription Pathway Bronze Plan-Reg 26



Medicare Rx Rewards Value



Advantage Star Plan by Rx America



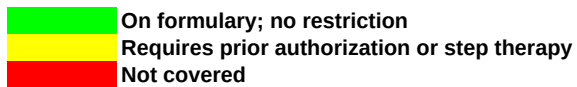
Wellcare Classic



Presbyterian Prescription Drug Plan 1



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Region 27: Colorado

Number of Nursing Home Residents:	15,852
Number of Dual-eligible Residents:	9,353 (59%)
Number of Nursing Homes	203
Number of PDPs below Benchmark:	15

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences

- Two plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- One plan covers all drugs, but requires PA or step therapy for four drugs
- 12 plans do not cover all drugs, with five plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.





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Region 28: Arizona

Number of Nursing Home Residents:	8,618
Number of Dual-eligible Residents:	5,516 (64%)
Number of Nursing Homes:	87
Number of PDPs below the Benchmark:	8

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences

- Two plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- Six plans do not cover all drugs, with four plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.
- One plan does not cover five of the drugs selected

Region 28 Plans for Auto-enrollment
Plan Name

Arizona

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Signature Rx Value Plan										
Humana PDP Standard										
Health Net Orange Option 1										
AARP Medicare Rx Plan-Saver										
Medicare Rx Rewards Value										
Wellcare Signature										
Wellcare Classic										
Sierra Rx										

- On formulary; no restriction
- Requires prior authorization or step therapy
- Not covered



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Region 29: Nevada

Number of Nursing Home Residents:	4,261
Number of Dual-eligible Residents	2,642 (62%)
Number of Nursing Homes	46
Number of PDPs below the Benchmark	7

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences

- One plan covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- Six plans do not cover all drugs, with three plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.

Nevada

Region 29 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Humana PDP Standard



AARP Medicare Rx Plan-Saver



Health Net Orange Option 1



Blue MedicareRx Value



Medicare Rx Rewards Value



Wellcare Signature



Wellcare Classic



On formulary; no restriction

Requires prior authorization or step therapy

Not covered



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Region 30: Oregon and Washington

Number of Nursing Home Residents:	Oregon:	7,424
	<u>Washington</u>	<u>19,104</u>
	Total	26,528

Number of Dual-eligible Residents:	Oregon	4,529 (61%)
	<u>Washington</u>	<u>11,844 (61%)</u>
	Total	16,373

Number of Nursing Homes	Oregon	124
	<u>Washington</u>	<u>243</u>
	Total	367

Number of PDPs below the Benchmark:	16
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The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

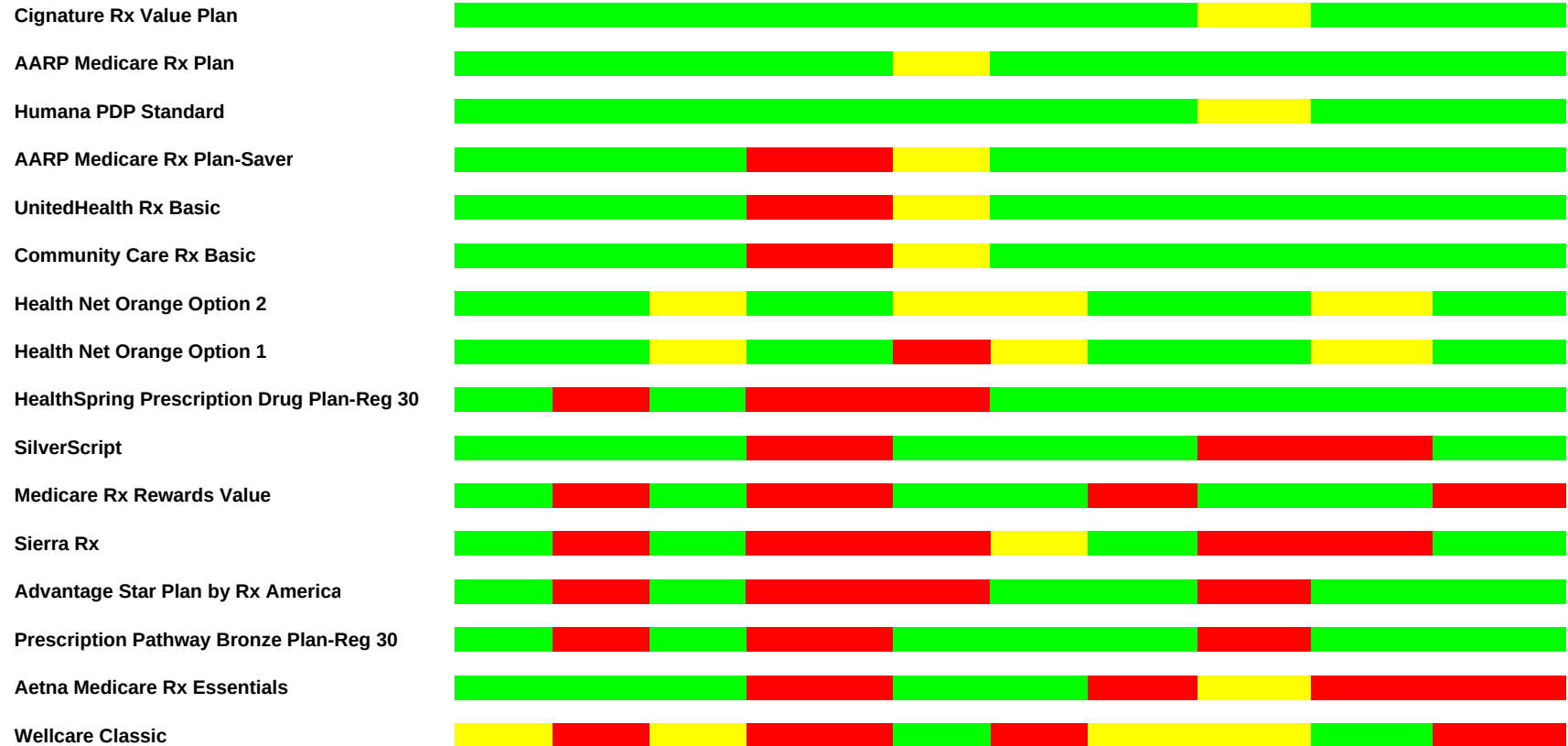
Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences

- Three plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- 13 plans do not cover all drugs, with four plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected
- One plan does not cover 5 of the 10 drugs selected

Region 30 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm



Green	On formulary; no restriction
Yellow	Requires prior authorization or step therapy
Red	Not covered



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Region 31: Utah and Idaho

Number of Nursing Home Residents	Utah	4,615
	Idaho	4,183
	Total	8,798
Number of Dual-eligible Residents:	Utah	2,538 (55%)
	Idaho	2,468 (59%)
	Total	5,006
Number of Nursing Homes	Utah	81
	Idaho	71
	Total	152
Number of PDPs below Benchmark		18

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences

- Three plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- 15 plans do not cover all drugs, with five plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected
- Two plans do not cover 5 of the 10 drugs selected

Region 31 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Utah/Idaho

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Signature Rx Value Plan



Humana PDP Standard



AARP Medicare Rx Plan



AARP Medicare Rx Plan-Saver



Community Care Rx Basic



UnitedHealth Rx Basic



Health Net Orange Option 1



Health Net Orange Option 2



HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan-Reg 31



Prescription Pathway Bronze Plan-Reg 31



SilverScript



Advantage Star Plan by Rx America



Sierra Rx



Sierra Rx



Medicare Rx Rewards Value



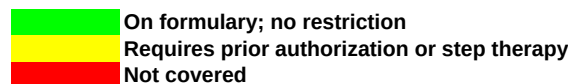
Aetna Medicare Rx Essentials



Wellcare Signature



Wellcare Classic





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Region 32: California

Number of Nursing Home Residents:	100,268
Number of Dual-eligible Residents	66,177 (66%)
Number of Nursing Homes	1,228
Number of PDPs below Benchmark	9

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
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Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

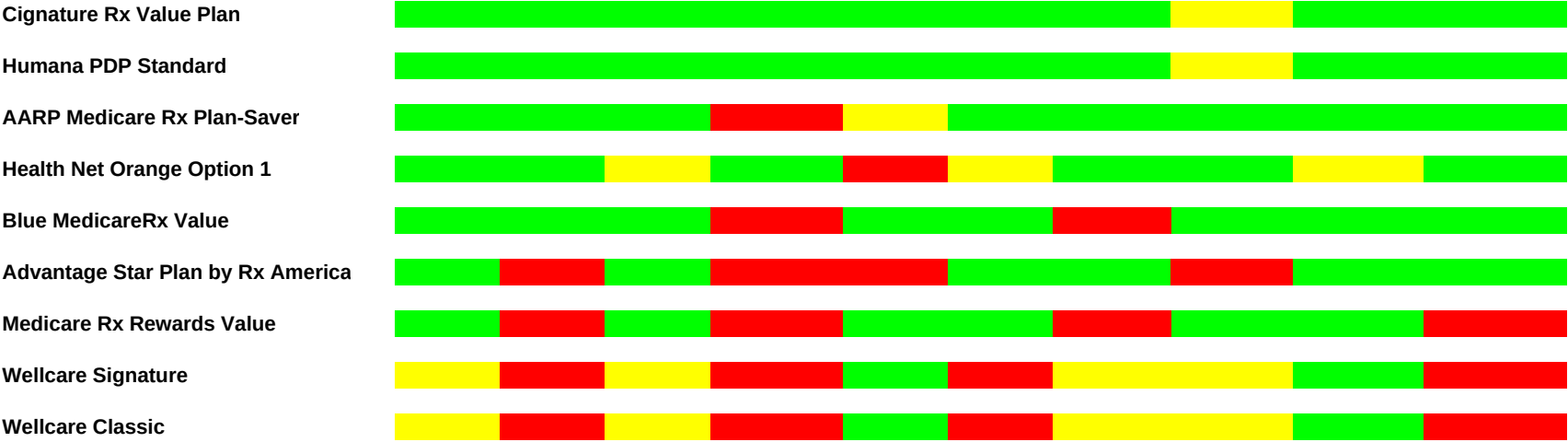
Plan Differences

- Two plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- 7 plans do not cover all drugs, with five plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected

Region 31 Plans for Auto-enrollment
Plan Name

California

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm



 On formulary; no restriction
 Requires prior authorization or step therapy
 Not covered



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Region 33: Hawaii

Number of Nursing Home Residents	2,958
Number of Dual-eligible Residents	2,219 (75%)
Number of Nursing Homes	39
Number of PDPs below Benchmark:	13

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences

- Four plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- 9 plans do not cover all drugs, with four plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected

Hawaii										
Region 33 Plans for Auto-enrollment	Actonel	Altace	Aricept	Betapace	Cozaar	Actos	Lexapro	Protonix	Levaquin	Xenaderm
Plan Name										
Signature Rx Value Plan	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
Humana PDP Standard	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
AARP Medicare Rx Plan	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
Advantage Freedom Plan by Rx America	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
AARP Medicare Rx Plan-Saver	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
UnitedHealth Rx Basic	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
Community Care Rx Basic	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
Health Net Orange Option 1	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
SilverScript	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan-Reg 33	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
Advantage Star Plan by Rx America	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
Medicare Rx Rewards Value	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered
Wellcare Classic	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	Not covered	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered
	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	Not covered							



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Region 34: Alaska

Number of Nursing Home Residents	627
Number of Dual-eligible Residents	520 (83%)
Number of Nursing Homes	15
Number of PDPs below Benchmark	15

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
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Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

Plan Differences

- Three plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- 12 plans do not cover all drugs, with five plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected

Alaska

Region 34 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Plan Name	Green	Yellow	Red
Cignature Rx Value Plan	85%	10%	5%
Humana PDP Standard	80%	15%	5%
AARP Medicare Rx Plan	65%	15%	20%
AARP Medicare Rx Plan-Saver	55%	15%	30%
UnitedHealth Rx Basic	55%	15%	30%
Health Net Orange Option 1	45%	15%	20%
Sterling Rx	55%	10%	35%
Health Net Orange Option 2	45%	25%	30%
SilverScript	55%	10%	35%
HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan-Reg 34	45%	10%	45%
Medicare Rx Rewards Value	45%	10%	45%
Advantage Star Plan by Rx America	45%	10%	45%
Wellcare Classic	35%	25%	40%
Aetna Medicare Rx Essentials	55%	15%	30%
NMHP Medicare PDP Gold	45%	15%	40%

Green	On formulary; no restriction
Yellow	Requires prior authorization or step therapy
Red	Not covered