

## Drug Formularies

The Alzheimer's Association recognizes that drug formularies are a growing part of the health care system and that plan policies use such formularies to balance health care needs and prudent cost containment.

To ensure that the care needs of people with Alzheimer's disease are met in a timely and appropriate manner, however, a drug formulary, whether as part of the state's Medicaid program or a managed care plan, must provide access to safe and effective treatments for the disease. The Alzheimer's Association recommends that the following provisions be included as part of any drug formulary:

1. Disclosure of information to enrollees on:

- The list of drugs included on the formulary
- The process by which a formulary is evaluated and updated
- How to receive coverage for a drug not included in the formulary
- How the off-label use of drugs is included in the formulary
- The process by which enrollees may access recently approved drugs that may provide better benefits than current treatments.

2. A mechanism that allows the physician to prescribe treatment not included in the formulary.

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