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IMPORTANT NOTICE: A Change to your Prescription Drug Coverage

Dear TRICARE Beneficiary:

On October 30, 2024, **ARNUITY ELLIPTA**, a prescription medication(s) you're taking, will no longer be covered by TRICARE in the same way it has in the past. Your doctor will be required to submit a medical necessity (MN) on or after October 30, 2024, or you will have to pay a higher cost.

If you are no longer taking the above medication, then you don't need to do anything at this time.

If you are taking this medication, what should you do?

1. Review the enclosed information called "Options for You and Your Doctor to Consider."
This document provides a list of medications that are no longer preferred and associated cost information.
2. Discuss this information with your doctor to see which of the following options is best for you:
 - Switch your prescription to a preferred alternative medication, which will cost you less.
 - Talk to your doctor about requesting a MN. If the criteria requirements have been met, your MN may be approved.
 - Continue filling your current prescription without a MN and pay a higher cost for the medication.

Why the change?

The Defense Health Agency regularly reviews medications and has determined your medication now requires a MN. A MN is a routine process that ensures requested medications are safe, cost effective and medically required.

Who should you contact if you have questions?

If you have any questions about your pharmacy benefit or you need help, please visit express-scripts.com/TRICARE or call 877.363.1303.

Sincerely,

Jay Peloquin, PharmD
Sr. Director, Clinical Account Management
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- Download the Express Scripts® mobile app for free today! Our easy-to-use mobile app puts your TRICARE® prescription benefit in the palm of your hand.
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Options for You and Your Doctor to Consider

On October 30, 2024, your doctor will be required to submit a medical necessity (MN) for **ARNUITY ELLIPTA**. If the MN is approved, you will pay the applicable cost. Carefully read the information below to understand your options.

Switch to a preferred medication.

Choose a Preferred Medication Listed Below:	Military Treatment Facility	Home Delivery	Retail Network Pharmacy
	<u>Your cost for a preferred medication</u> (up to a 90-day supply)		
Brand Preferred <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asmanex Twisthaler • Asmanex HFA Inhaler • Alvesco Inhaler • Fluticasone propionate HFA Inhaler • Fluticasone propionate Diskhaler 	\$0	\$38	\$129

Continue taking your current non-preferred medication.

Non-Preferred Medication(s) (MN Required)	Military Treatment Facility	Home Delivery	Retail Network Pharmacy
	<u>Your cost for a non-preferred medication</u> (up to a 90-day supply)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fluticasone furoate (Arnuity Ellipta) 	\$0 Note: May not be available. Contact your Military Treatment Facility to verify they carry the medication.	\$76	\$228

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How to Contact your Military Treatment Facility's Pharmacy

Visit Tricare.mil/FindDoctor/mtf and type in your ZIP Code or Facility/Installation Name. After clicking on the name, the pharmacy's information, including phone number and hours of operation, will be displayed on the far right side of the web page.

Prior Authorization (PA) and Medical Necessity (MN) Request

For drugs that require a PA or MN, ask your doctor to submit the request(s) electronically through a simple process called Electronic Prior Authorization (ePA). The doctor's office can learn more about ePA at <https://providerportal.surescripts.net/ProviderPortal/dod> or covermymeds.com/epa/express-scripts or by calling the Express Scripts doctor line at 866.684.4488 for assistance.

More Information

For more information on TRICARE-covered drugs, any restrictions, and to find forms for prior authorization and medical necessity, visit express-scripts.com/tricareformulary.

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