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Dear Member

We are introducing a reference price on cancer medicine where a generic alternative exists

We're writing to let you know about some changes we're making from 1 January 2025. These changes affect how we cover cancer supportive medicine, chemotherapy and hormonal treatment when a generic alternative is available.

We understand how important your treatment is, and we want to support you in every way possible. By introducing a reference price for these medicines, we aim to help you get the most benefit from your Oncology Programme.

What's changing?

We're introducing a reference price for these medicine. A reference price is the maximum amount we will pay for a group of generic or similar medicine.

This means that your treatment will stay the same, but the specific medicine you'll use will be one of the bestpriced options. This helps you get the most out of your Oncology Benefit.

What this means for you:

- **You'll have full cover** if your medicine costs less than or the same as the reference price. This means we'll cover it completely.
- **You'll have a co-payment** if your medicine costs more than the reference price. You'll have to pay the difference between the reference price and the provider's price.

Why these changes are important

We want to help you get the best possible care while making sure that your treatment stays affordable. Generic alternatives often cost less than brand-name medicine, but they work just as well.

What you must do next

1. **Review your medicine:** We've listed your current medicine below.
2. **Consult your health provider or dispensing pharmacist:** Talk to your healthcare professional or dispensing pharmacist to understand your options.

Your medicine that is affected by the reference price

What you are currently claiming	Information to help you decide if you must make a change
Medicine_1	Ask your dispensing pharmacist whether they can change your medicine to a better-priced alternative.
Medicine_2	
Medicine_3	

Contact us

For more details about your cover for cancer [here](#). Your dispensing pharmacist can advise you about on alternative medicine for your treatment.

We are here to help you navigate through them. Our priority is to make sure that you continue to get the best care possible.

Regards



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