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Dear HIRSP Policyholder:

Fexofenadine and Allegra-D are medications used to treat allergies.

Beginning April 1, 2008, fexofenadine and Allegra-D will no longer be covered by your benefit plan administered by Navitus Health Solutions; however, current policyholders will be grandfathered at their current tier until July 1, 2008. The Navitus Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P&T) Committee, an independent group of health care professionals, recommends the drugs that go on your formulary. The committee first reviews drugs based on therapeutic value, effectiveness and side effects. After determining which drugs are comparable, cost is considered. The intent is to provide HIRSP policyholders with the highest quality and most cost effective drugs.

The committee determined that there are less expensive generic and over-the-counter allergy medications that offer the same benefit as fexofenadine and Allegra-D.

Covered alternatives to fexofenadine and Allegra-D are listed below:

Drug Name	Tier 1 Covered Alternatives	Tier 2 Covered Alternatives
fexofenadine	cetirizine (OTC), loratadine (OTC)	Claritin (OTC), Zyrtec (OTC)
Allegra-D	cetirizine-D (OTC) , loratadine-D (OTC)	Claritin-D OTC, Zyrtec-D OTC

Please note: These select OTC medications are covered under your drug benefit plan if prescribed by your physician.

If this formulary change affects you, share this letter with your prescriber and discuss which covered alternative is right for you. It is important to continue taking your medication until you speak with your prescriber.

If you have any questions regarding fexofenadine or Allegra-D, contact your prescriber or pharmacist. For questions about your pharmacy benefit, call the HIRSP Pharmacy Dedicated Unit at 1-866-270-3877.

Sincerely,

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