



University Health System

CareLink

Formulary Updates

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1. **Varenicline (Chantix) Starting Month Pak, 0.5 mg, and 1 mg oral tablets**— smoking cessation aid added to formulary and restricted to outpatient use. This medication is **subsidized or may be available through a BULK medication assistance program (MAP)**. This medication is limited to a 28 day supply per fill. Therapy is limited to duration of 12 weeks, but may be continued an additional 12 weeks in CareLink members who have successfully quit by 12 weeks.

Clinical Pathways and Guidelines:

A Statin Initiation Protocol was approved and will be available at:

<http://www.universityhealthsystem.com/services/pharmacy/clinical-pathways-guidelines#H>

- ◆ High intensity statins (**atorvastatin and rosuvastatin**) may be appropriate as first-line therapy for certain individuals. Therefore, these medications are **no longer restricted to second line use**.

**Prescriptions not eligible for the 340B Drug Discount Program (e.g. prescriptions issued for CareLink members outside of UHS facilities) may only be available through a Medication Assistance Program (MAP).*

Complete UHS formulary information is available on the UHS intranet at: <http://online.lexi.com/lco/action/home>

CareLink non-formulary medication requests may be submitted at:
<https://hr.universityhealthsystem.com/secure/formulary-request.shtml>

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