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## Empire to delay most 4/1/2020 formulary list updates for commercial health plan pharmacy benefit

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In light of the current situation with COVID-19, we have decided to delay the implementation of many of the previously-communicated formulary changes scheduled for April 1, 2020.

The changes listed below will still go into effect on 4/1/2020:

	National/Preferred Drug List	Traditional Open Drug List	Essential Drug List
<b>Antihistamines</b>			
carbinoxamine 6mg	Tier 1 -> NF	Tier 1 -> Tier 3	Tier 1 -> NF
<b>Topical Anesthetics</b>			
Lidocaine 7%-Tetracaine 7% cream	Tier 3/NF -> NF	Tier 3 (No Change)	NF (No Change)
Pliaglis cream	Tier 3/NF -> NF	Tier 3 (No Change)	NF (No Change)

Please note, this update does not apply to the Select Drug List and does not impact Medicaid and Medicare plans.

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