

Temporary Change in Status for Oral Immunosuppressives Drug Class

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The Food and Drug Administration [announced a drug shortage](#) for Tacrolimus, part of the Oral Immunosuppressives drug class. In response, the Vendor Drug Program (VDP) temporarily removed the non-preferred status from the generic formulations of National Drug Codes (NDC) effective April 17, 2020.

A list of the affected NDCs is on the [VDP](#) website. These changes will allow providers to prescribe these drugs without requiring a preferred drug list (PDL) prior authorization and allow continued access to necessary medication for clients.

This is a temporary change until the preferred products are sufficiently available in the market. VDP will announce any further PDL status changes of these NDCs.

Contact vdp-formulary@hsc.state.tx.us for more information.

Have questions?

If you have any additional questions or need assistance, please call the FirstCare Provider Line at:

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