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**POLICY ANALYSIS**

**State by State Formulary Variability  
In Medicare Prescription Drug Plans for  
Auto-Assigned Long-Term Care Residents**

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## **State by State Analysis of Medicare Part D Finds Low-Income Nursing Home Residents Have a Poor Chance of Being Enrolled in the Best Available Drug Plans**

***Most Could Be Enrolled in a Better Plan at No Cost  
If They Were Allowed to Receive Help From Their Caregivers***

Washington -- An analysis released today by the Long Term Care Pharmacy Alliance (LTCPA) finds most low-income nursing home residents have a poor chance of being enrolled in the Medicare Part D plan that best covers their medications – and most could immediately switch to a better plan at no cost if they were allowed to receive help from their caregivers.

Under the Medicare Part D prescription drug program, low-income nursing home residents who are “dual eligible” for both Medicare and Medicaid are qualified to have their medicines covered at no cost as long they are enrolled in one of several drug plans recognized as “below benchmark” in cost by the federal government’s Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

The LTCPA analysis finds those below benchmark plans vary greatly in terms of the drugs they cover and the restrictions they put on access to those medicines. Using the online plan finder CMS provides to beneficiaries to evaluate drug plans, LTCPA compared how below benchmark plans covered 10 drugs commonly prescribed to long-term care residents. The results varied dramatically from very good to very poor.

In New York, for example, there are roughly 80,000 low income nursing home residents who can choose to be enrolled in any of 13 below benchmark plans.

- 3 of those 13 plans cover all 10 drugs, and have restrictions such as requiring prior authorization or step therapy on only one drug.
- 10 of those 13 plans do not cover all drugs, with 2 of the plans not covering 4 of these drugs; and requiring prior authorization or step therapy for an additional 4 drugs.

No single drug plan is best for all nursing home residents all the time. Recognizing that, the Part D program allows low-income nursing home residents to choose among any below benchmark plan, and to switch plans monthly in order to guarantee the best coverage. In spite of the ability to select and change plans, few frail elderly nursing home residents do so. Because nursing home residents are typically very elderly and in poor physical and mental health, most lack the ability to evaluate, choose and enroll in a Part D plan on their own.

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To ensure nursing home residents receive some drug coverage, the federal government automatically assigns a plan to all low-income beneficiaries who fail to choose one on their own. Those beneficiaries are evenly – and randomly – distributed among all below benchmark cost plans in the region. That assignment is made without any attempt to match beneficiaries to the plan that best covers their drugs. As a result, while most regions have below benchmark cost plans available to cover all or most of a beneficiary’s medicines with few restrictions, the odds are poor that they will be randomly assigned to that particular plan.

Making things worse, it is current federal policy that “under no circumstances should a nursing home require, request, coach or steer any resident to select or change a plan for any reason.” The same prohibition has been applied to other caregivers including pharmacists, nursing home staff and physicians.

“Hundreds of thousands of frail low-income nursing home residents in this country only need a little help to be enrolled in a Part D plan that better covers their medications. Yet, they are denied having the people they trust to care for them – their nurses, physicians and pharmacists – give them that help,” said LTCPA Executive Director Paul Baldwin. “It is unreasonable and unacceptable that so many nursing home residents are stuck in drug plans that don’t fully cover their medicines when the only thing standing in their way is bad federal policy. Their health should not be left to random chance.”

The Long Term Care Pharmacy Alliance represents pharmacies that specialize in providing medicines to over one million of the nation’s long-term care residents.

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## State by State Formulary Variability in Medicare Prescription Drug Plans for Auto-Assigned Long-Term Care Residents

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Implementation of the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) resulted in moving drug coverage responsibility for the vast majority of residents of long-term care (LTC) facilities from Medicaid to Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs). Since 65 percent of nursing home residents are dually-eligible for Medicare and Medicaid<sup>1</sup>, these beneficiaries are now subject to formularies developed by PDPs, rather than the access provisions of Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (OBRA'90)<sup>2</sup>, which applied to Medicaid and which generally provided reliable access to prescription drug coverage for LTC residents.

In order to ensure that dual-eligibles did not experience gaps in coverage during the transition from Medicaid to Part D, the MMA contains a provision<sup>3</sup> requiring the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to auto-enroll these beneficiaries into plans with premiums at or below the regional benchmark. This provision has resulted in dual-eligible residents of a single LTC facility being randomly auto-enrolled into any one of a number of PDPs.

**Increased Options:** Since the selection of plans eligible to receive auto-enrolled beneficiaries was based solely on premium costs and not on formulary compatibility, there would naturally be a high likelihood that beneficiaries would be assigned to plans that did not include access to the drugs they need.

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General (OIG) confirmed this by reporting<sup>4</sup> that dual-eligibles across the nation could be enrolled in 409 PDPs using 37 different formularies in 2006. The number of available plans for auto-enrollment of dual-eligibles in 2007 increased to 483, further complicating an already complex landscape of beneficiary assignment.

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<sup>1</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation; StateHealthfacts.org , December, 2006

<sup>2</sup> PL 101-508

<sup>3</sup> PL 108-173§103 (b) (1) (c)

<sup>4</sup> Dept. of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, Dual Eligibles' Transition: Part D Formularies' Inclusion of Commonly-used Drugs. January, 2006

The OIG, in its analysis, notes that “[R]andom assignment to PDPs may affect the number of dual eligibles who take a specific drug that is not included on their PDP’s formulary.”<sup>5</sup>

The report goes on to note that 18 percent of dual eligibles in the OIG survey were assigned to plans that included all of the top 178 drugs eligible for Medicare drug coverage, while 30 percent were enrolled in plans that included less than 85 percent of the top drugs. Clearly, large numbers of dual-eligible LTC residents have been auto-enrolled in plans that do not cover all the drugs they need.

**Implications:** CMS regulations allow residents of LTC facilities to change plan enrollment as often as they wish through a special enrollment period (SEP). This SEP also applies to dual eligibles. So, if a beneficiary is enrolled in a plan that is not appropriate for her drug regimen, she has the right to change plans. As a practical matter, the change can take place once per month and the new enrollment is not effective until the first of the following month, or perhaps later, depending on how close to the end of the month the change is made.

The provisions of the Medicare Marketing Guidelines<sup>6</sup> prohibit either pharmacy personnel or nursing home personnel from offering advice to beneficiaries on plan selection or assistance in enrollment. CMS believes that caregivers may have incentives to persuade beneficiaries to enroll in plans that offer superior benefits to the provider, in terms of reimbursement or convenience, rather than those that are best for the beneficiary.

CMS signaled its intent to enforce this provision by issuing a guidance document from the Survey and Certification Group within the Center for Medicaid and State Operations<sup>7</sup>. This document advises state survey agencies that they need to be aware of efforts to “steer” beneficiaries to plans. Although the context of this directive seems to involve cases in which beneficiaries have chosen a particular plan, not where they have been auto-assigned, instructions to state surveyors are clear:

“Under no circumstances should a nursing home require, request, coach or steer any resident to select or change a plan for any reason.”<sup>8</sup>

**Summary of the Formulary Comparison Study:** In order to compare the formulary designs of PDPs whose premiums render them eligible for participation in the auto-enrollment process, we created a drug regimen consisting of ten drugs frequently prescribed for nursing home residents. These drugs treat a

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<sup>5</sup> Ibid

<sup>6</sup> Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Medicare Marketing Guidelines for: Medicare Advantage Plans; Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plans; and Prescription Drug Plans, revised July 25, 2006

<sup>7</sup> Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Survey and Certification Group. Memo to State Survey Agency Directors, S&C 06-16 May 11, 2006

<sup>8</sup> Ibid

variety of conditions common among the very elderly and are listed as preferred agents by institutional pharmacies.

These drugs were compared, using the CMS Plan Finder<sup>9</sup>, against plan formularies in each of the 34 CMS PDP Regions for those plans eligible to accept auto-enrolled beneficiaries. The possible outcomes of the search could include:

- On formulary, without restriction
- On formulary, but subject to prior authorization or step therapy<sup>10</sup>
- Not on formulary

As the following analysis demonstrates, the variability of access between plans for these drugs is quite significant. Often, we find that there are two or more plans with relatively few, if any, restrictions. Similarly, there are a few plans with several drugs not available and several more with restrictions.

**Conclusion:** Assigning dual-eligible LTC residents to Part D plans randomly can produce a large variation in individual access to appropriate therapies. As a result, nursing home staff, prescribers and pharmacy staff will be required to intervene to either obtain the plan authorization or to request a medical exception or to change the beneficiary to alternative medicines in place of drugs that may have demonstrated effectiveness over long periods.

The implementation of Part D in the LTC setting has, as one might expect, resulted in significant operational challenges physicians, nursing facilities and pharmacies as they attempt to provide needed medicines to these residents. Most commercial health plans have little, if any, previous experience with this population and virtually all pharmacies have been required to add staff to navigate plan access provisions in order to provide services under Part D.

Our analysis demonstrates that, under the auto-enrollment process, many dually-eligible nursing home residents are at risk for assignment to plans that are inadequate for their medical needs. Further, current CMS policies limit the ability of caregivers to help beneficiaries enroll in more appropriate plans.

**Information Sources:** As noted above, plan formularies were obtained through the Medicare Plan Finder. Statistical information on the number of nursing home residents and dual-eligibility was obtained from the state health facts web site of the Kaiser Family Foundation<sup>11</sup> and is based on 2005 information.

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<sup>9</sup> [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)

<sup>10</sup> Step therapy requirements deny the use of the selected drug until/unless a preferred alternative has been tried and found not to have been successful.

<sup>11</sup> Op cit, Kaiser Family Foundation

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## Region 1: Maine and New Hampshire

<b>Nursing Home Residents:</b>	Maine:	6,380
	<u>New Hampshire:</u>	<u>6,597</u>
	Total:	12,977
<b>Number of Dual Eligible Residents:</b>	Maine:	4,275 (67%)
	<u>New Hampshire:</u>	<u>4,354 (66%)</u>
	Total:	8,629
<b>Number of Nursing Homes:</b>	Maine:	106
	<u>New Hampshire:</u>	<u>76</u>
	Total:	182
<b>Number of PDPs below the Benchmark:</b>		18

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

### Plan Differences:

- 3 Plans cover all drugs, but require prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
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Region 1 PDPs for Auto-enrollment

Maine/New Hampshire

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Plan Name	Actonel	Altace	Aricept	Betapace	Cozaar	Actos	Lexapro	Protonix	Levaquin	Xenaderm
AARP Medicare Rx Plan	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Cignature Rx Value Plan	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green
HealthNet Orange Option 2	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green
Humana PDP Standard	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green
HealthNet Orange Option 1	Green	Yellow	Green	Red	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green
Aetna Medicare Rx Essentials	Green	Red	Green	Red	Green	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	Red
First Health Premier	Green	Red	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green
Medicare Rx Rewards Value	Green	Red	Red	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Red	Red
AARP Medicare Rx Plan-Saver	Green	Red	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
United Health Rx Basic	Green	Red	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan - Reg 1	Green	Red	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Advantage Star Plan by Rx America	Green	Red	Green	Red	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green
Prescription Pathway Bronze plan- Reg 1	Green	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green
Wellcare Signature	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Red	Green	Red	Yellow	Green	Red	Red
Wellcare Classic	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Red	Green	Red	Yellow	Green	Red	Red
Fox Rx Care Choice Plan	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green
Silverscript	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green
Blue Medicare Rx Value	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green

■ On formulary; no restriction  
■ Requires prior authorization or step therapy  
■ Not covered



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## Region 2: Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont

<b>Nursing Home Residents:</b>	Connecticut:	25,571
	Massachusetts:	42,127
	Rhode Island:	7,804
	Vermont:	2,855
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>78,357</b>

<b>Number of Dual Eligible Residents:</b>	Connecticut:	16,621 (65%)
	Massachusetts:	27,383 (65%)
	Rhode Island:	5,229 (67%)
	Vermont:	1,884 (66%)
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>51,117</b>

<b>Number of Nursing Homes:</b>	Connecticut:	227
	Massachusetts:	432
	Rhode Island:	84
	Vermont:	36
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>779</b>

**Number of PDPs below Benchmark:** 15

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- Cozaar: Treatment of high blood pressure
- Actos: Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
- Lexapro: Treatment of depression
- Protonix: Treatment of gastric reflux
- Levaquin: Treatment of certain types of infection
- Xenaderm: Treatment of wounds

**Plan Differences:**

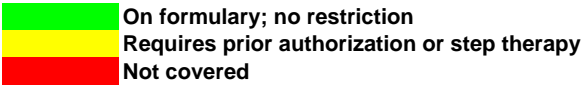
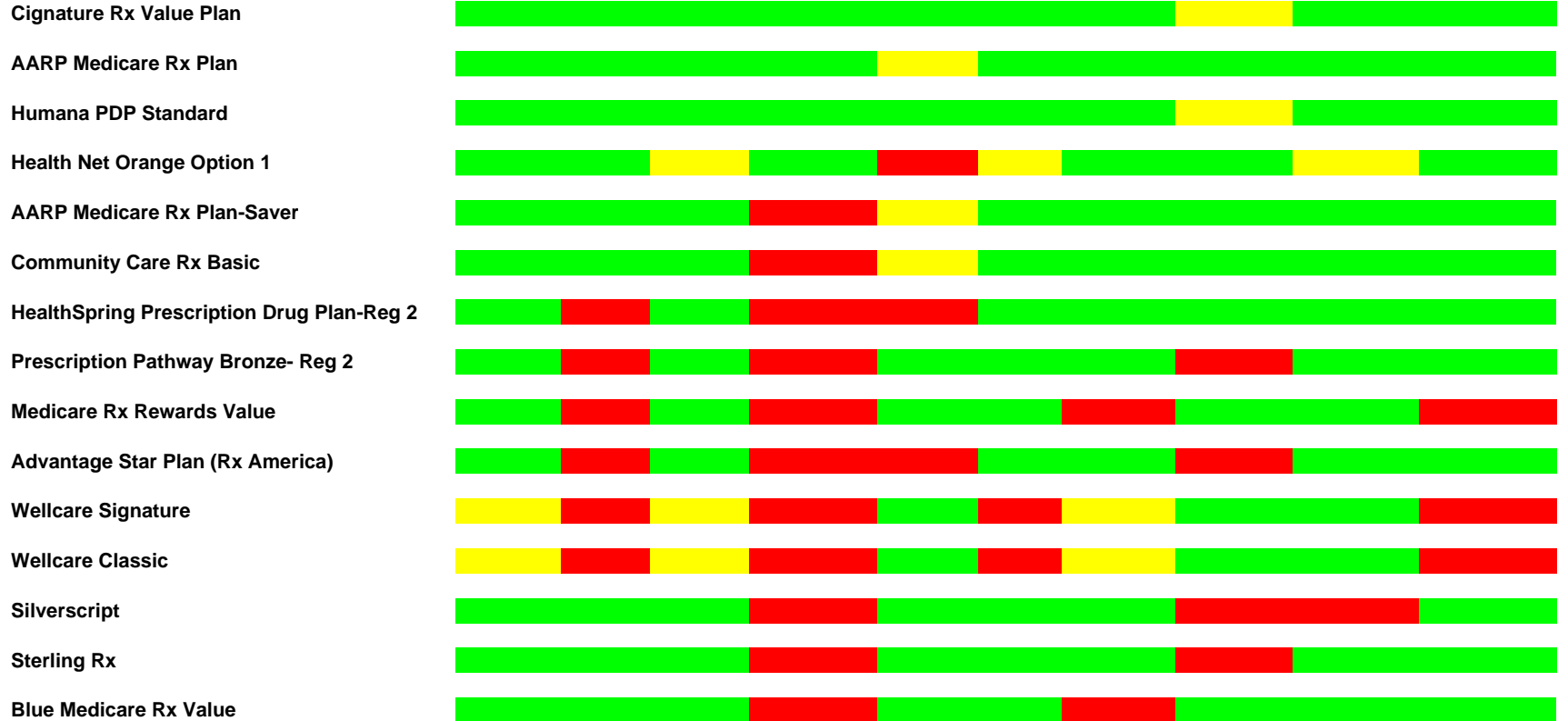
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Region 2 PDPs for Auto-enrollment

Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm





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## Region 3: New York

<b>Nursing Home Residents:</b>	109,543
<b>Number of Dual Eligible Residents:</b>	79,966
<b>Number of Nursing Homes:</b>	635
<b>Number of PDPs below Benchmark:</b>	13

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Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

### Plan Differences:

- 3 Plans cover all drugs, but require prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- 10 plans do not cover all drugs, with two plans not covering 4 of these drugs and requiring PA or step therapy for an additional 4 drugs

New York

Region 3 PDPs for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Cignature Rx Value Plan



Humana PDP Standard



HIP Standard Part D-New York



AARP Medicare Plan-Saver



Health Spring Prescription Drug Plan-Reg 3



Prescription Pathway Bronze-Reg 3



Advantage Star Plan-Rx America



Bravo Rx II



Rx1



Wellcare Classic



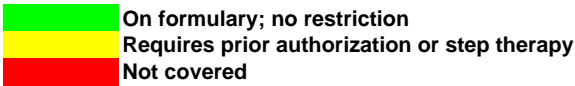
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Sterling Rx



Medicare Rx Rewards Value





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## Region 4: New Jersey

<b>Nursing Home Residents:</b>	42,075
<b>Number of Dual Eligible Residents:</b>	27,349
<b>Number of Nursing Homes:</b>	341
<b>Number of PDPs below Benchmark:</b>	19

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

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Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

### Plan Differences:

- 3 Plans cover all drugs, but require prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- One plan covers all drugs, but requires PA or step therapy for four drugs
- 15 plans do not cover all drugs, with two plans not covering 4 of these drugs and requiring PA or step therapy for an additional 4 drugs.
- One plan does not cover 5 of these drugs.

New Jersey

Region 4 PDPs for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm



■ On formulary; no restriction  
■ Requires prior authorization or step therapy  
■ Not covered





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## Region 5: District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware

<b>Nursing Home Residents:</b>	DC:	2,904
	Maryland:	24,164
	<u>Delaware:</u>	<u>3,799</u>
	Total	30,867
<b>Number of Dual Eligible Residents:</b>	DC:	2,178 (74%)
	Maryland:	14,740 (61%)
	<u>Delaware:</u>	<u>2,241 (59%)</u>
	Total	19,159
<b>Number of Nursing Homes:</b>	DC:	20
	Maryland:	228
	<u>Delaware:</u>	<u>41</u>
	Total	289

**Number of PDPs below Benchmark:** 16

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Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

### Plan Differences:

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- One plan covers all drugs, but requires PA or step therapy for four drugs
- 12 plans do not cover all drugs, with two plans not covering 4 of these drugs and requiring PA or step therapy for an additional 4 drugs.

DC, Delaware, Maryland

Region 5 PDPs for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Signature Rx Value Plan



AARP Medicare Rx Plan



Humana PDP Standard



Health Net Orange Option 2



Health Net Orange Option 1



AARP Medicare Rx Plan-Saver



UnitedHealth Rx Basic



First Health Premier



HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan-Reg 5



Prescription Pathway Bronze Plan-Reg 5



Advantage Star Plan by Rx America



Bravo Rx2



Wellcare Signature



Wellcare Classic



Aetna Medicare Rx Essentials



SilverScript





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## Region 6: Pennsylvania and West Virginia

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents:</b>	Pennsylvania:	77,679
	<u>West Virginia:</u>	8,679
	Total:	86,358
<b>Number of Dual-Eligible Residents:</b>	Pennsylvania:	48,938(63%)
	<u>West Virginia:</u>	6,336(73%)
	Total:	55,274
<b>Number of Nursing Homes:</b>	Pennsylvania:	702
	<u>West Virginia:</u>	120
	Total:	822
<b>Number of PDPs below Benchmark:</b>		20

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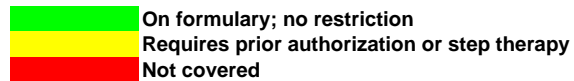
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- One plan covers all drugs, but requires PA or step therapy for four drugs
- 16 plans do not cover all drugs, with four plans not covering 6 of the ten drugs

Pennsylvania, West Virginia

Region 6 PDPs for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm





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## Region 7: Virginia

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents:</b>	25,065
<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents:</b>	15,791 (63%)
<b>Number of Nursing Homes:</b>	248
<b>Number of PDPs below the Benchmark:</b>	17

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Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

### Plan Differences:

- 3 Plans cover all drugs, but require prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- One plan covers all drugs, but requires PA or step therapy for four drugs
- 13 plans do not cover all drugs, with 6 plans not covering 4 of the ten drugs

## Virginia

### Region 7 Plans for Auto-enrollment

#### Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm



■ On formulary; no restriction  
■ Requires prior authorization or step therapy  
■ Not covered



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## Region 8: North Carolina

<b>Number of Nursing Home Resident:</b>	36,330
<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents:</b>	25,431 (70%)
<b>Number of Nursing Homes:</b>	403
<b>Number of PDPs below the Benchmark:</b>	14

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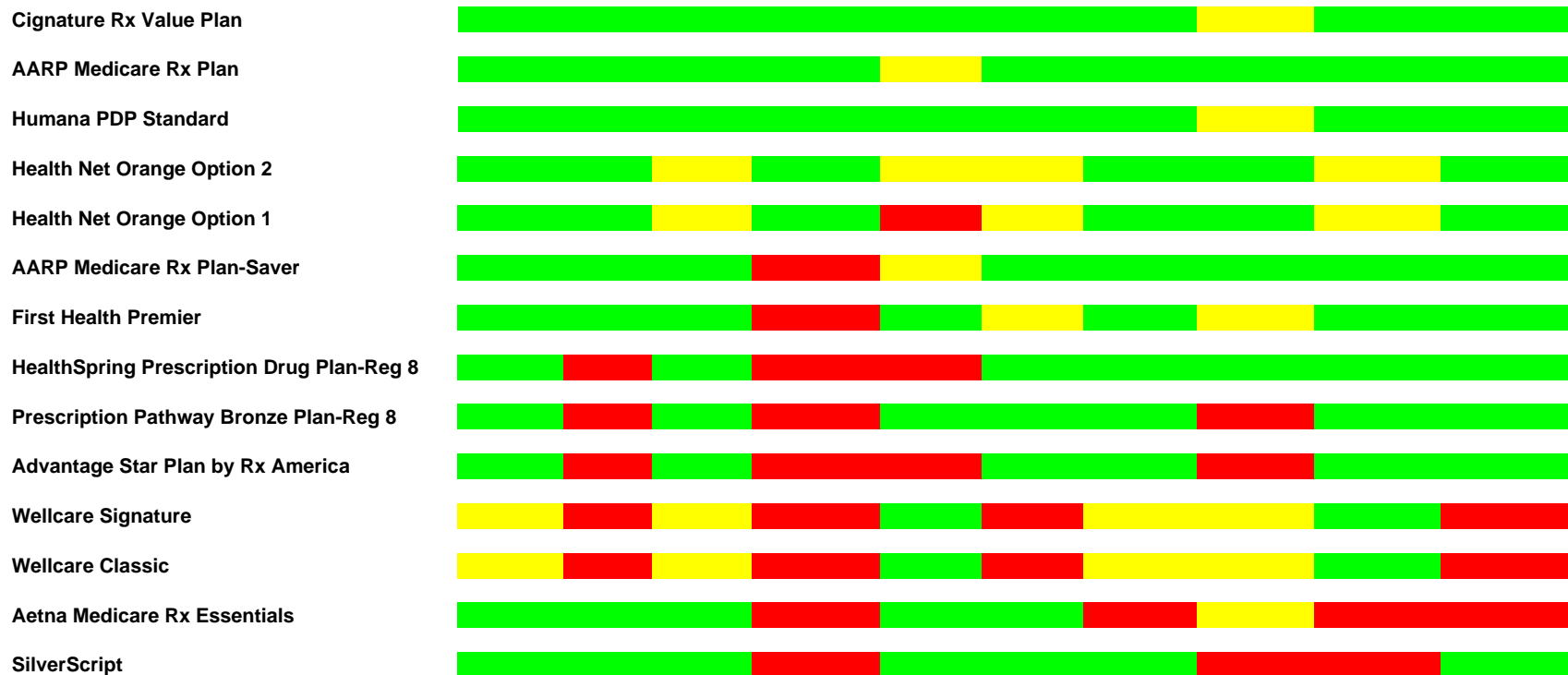
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### North Carolina

#### Region 8 Plans for Auto-enrollment

##### Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm



■ On formulary; no restriction  
■ Requires prior authorization or step therapy  
■ Not covered





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## Region 9: South Carolina

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents:</b>	15,487
<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents:</b>	10,841 (70%)
<b>Number of Nursing Homes:</b>	162
<b>Number of PDPs below the Benchmark:</b>	16

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

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Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

### Plan Differences:

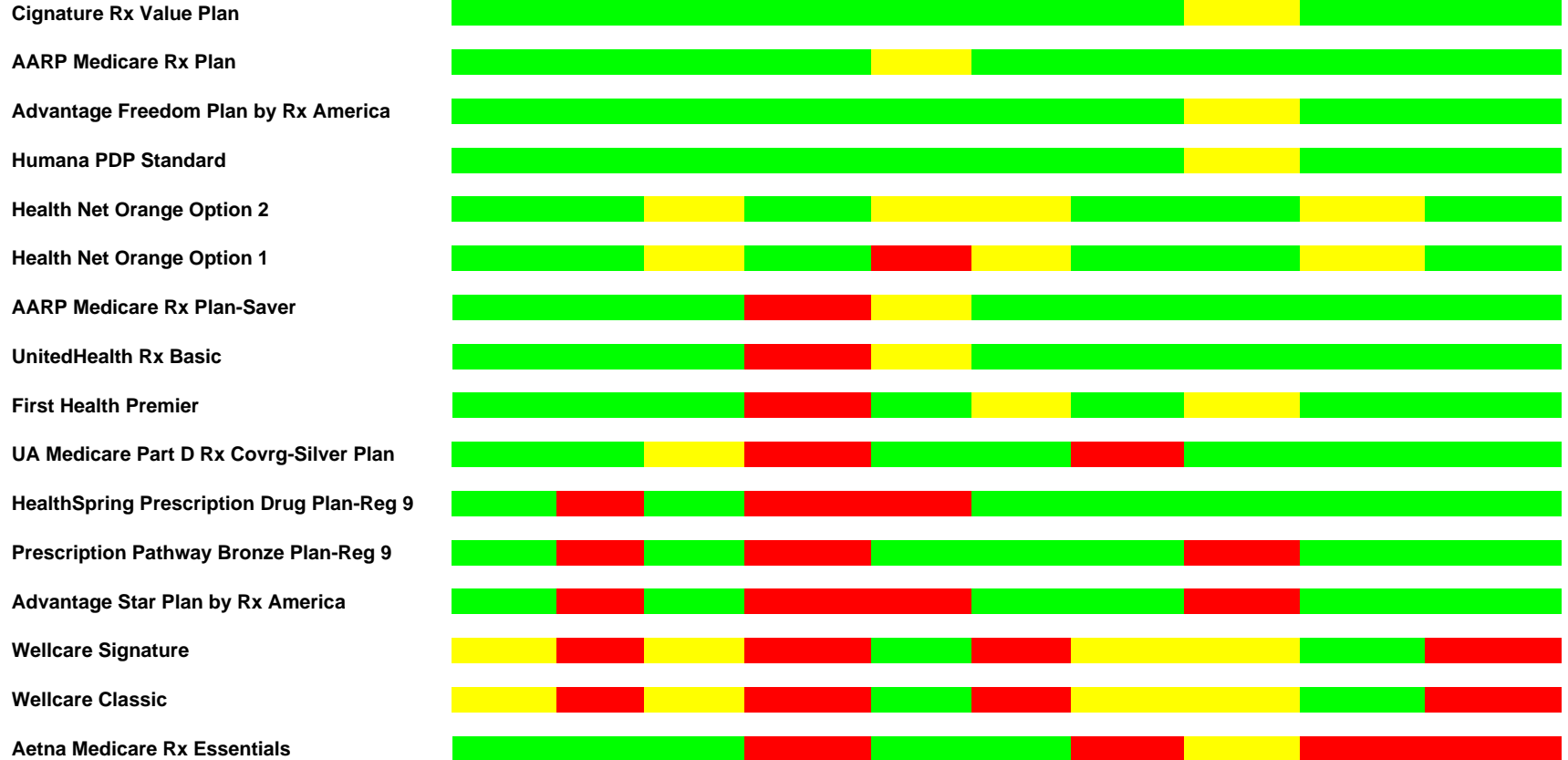
- 4 Plans cover all drugs, but require prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- One plan covers all drugs, but requires PA or step therapy for four drugs
- 11 plans do not cover all drugs, with 4 plans not covering 4 of the ten drugs

South Carolina

Region 9 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm



■ On formulary; no restriction  
■ Requires prior authorization or step therapy  
■ Not covered



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## Region 10: Georgia

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents:</b>	33,907
<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents:</b>	25,769 (76%)
<b>Number of Nursing Homes:</b>	338
<b>Number of PDPs below Benchmark:</b>	16

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

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Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

### Plan Differences:

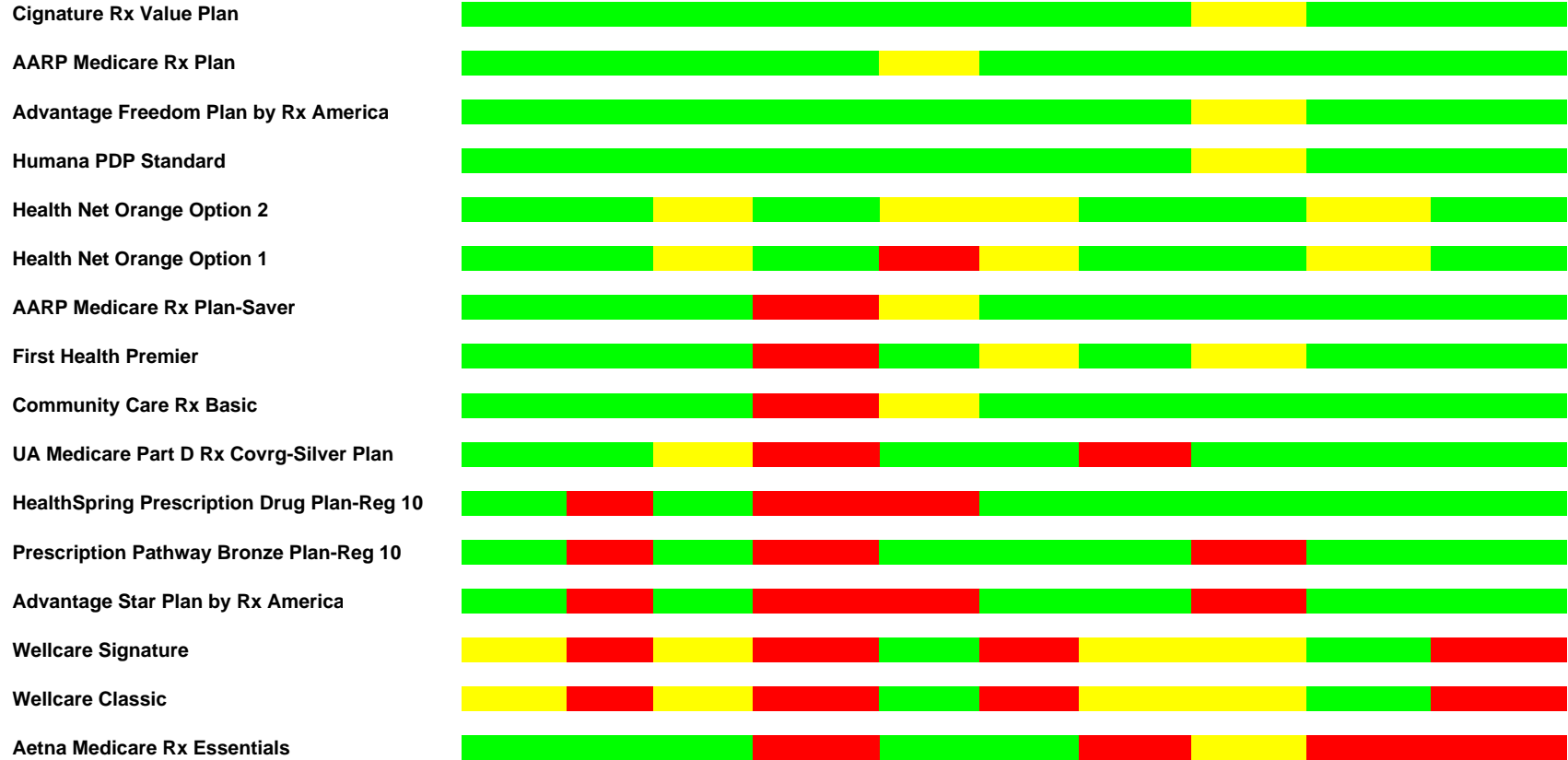
- 4 Plans cover all drugs, but require prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- One plan covers all drugs, but requires PA or step therapy for four drugs
- 11 plans do not cover all drugs, with 4 plans not covering 4 of the ten drugs

Region 10 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Georgia

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm



■ On formulary; no restriction  
■ Requires prior authorization or step therapy  
■ Not covered



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## Region 11: Florida

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents:</b>	66,209
<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents:</b>	39,725
<b>Number of Nursing Homes:</b>	626
<b>Number of PDPs below Benchmark:</b>	5

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Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

### Plan Differences:

- One plan covers all drugs, but applies prior authorization (PA) or step therapy to one drug
- Four plans do not cover all drugs, with four plans not covering 4 of the ten selected.

Region 11 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Florida

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Plan Name	Actonel	Altace	Aricept	Betapace	Cozaar	Actos	Lexapro	Protonix	Levaquin	Xenaderm
Humana PDP Standard	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green
Health Net Orange Option 1	Green	Yellow	Green	Red	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green
AARP Medicare Rx Plan-Saver	Green	Green	Green	Red	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Wellcare Signature	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Red	Green	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Red
Wellcare Classic	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Red	Green	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Red

- On formulary; no restriction
- Requires prior authorization or step therapy
- Not covered



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## Region 12: Alabama and Tennessee

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents:</b>	Alabama: 15,678
	<u>Tennessee: 30,881</u>
	Total: 46,559
<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents:</b>	Alabama: 11,131 (71%)
	<u>Tennessee: 21,308 (69%)</u>
	Total: 33,039
<b>Number of Nursing Homes:</b>	Alabama: 163
	<u>Tennessee: 308</u>
	Total: 471
<b>Number PDPs below Benchmark:</b>	14

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Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

### Plan Differences:

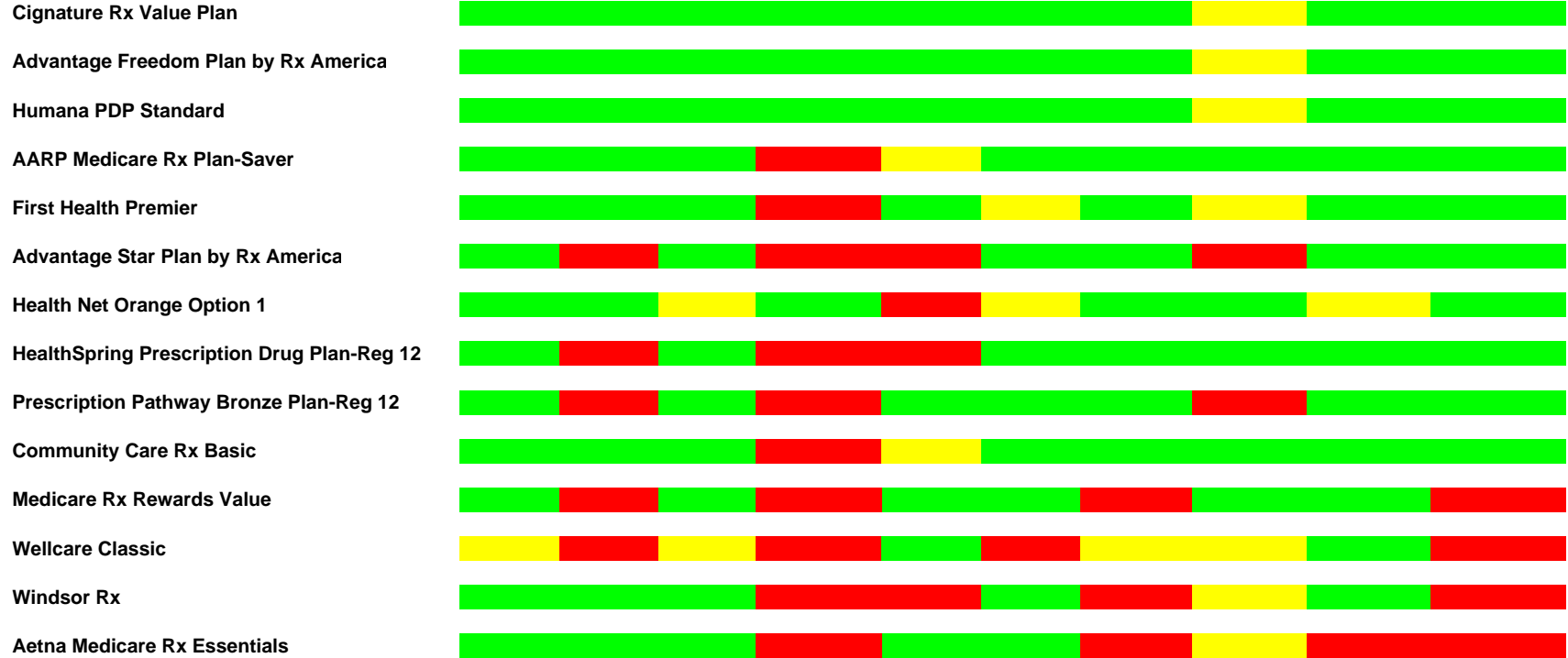
- Three plans cover all drugs, but require prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one.
- 11 Plans do not cover all drugs, with 4 plans not covering 4 of the 10 drugs selected.

Alabama/Tennessee

Region 12 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm







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## Region 13: Michigan

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents:</b>	39,880
<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents:</b>	26,321 (66%)
<b>Number of Nursing Homes:</b>	407
<b>Number of PDPs below Benchmark:</b>	15

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

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Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

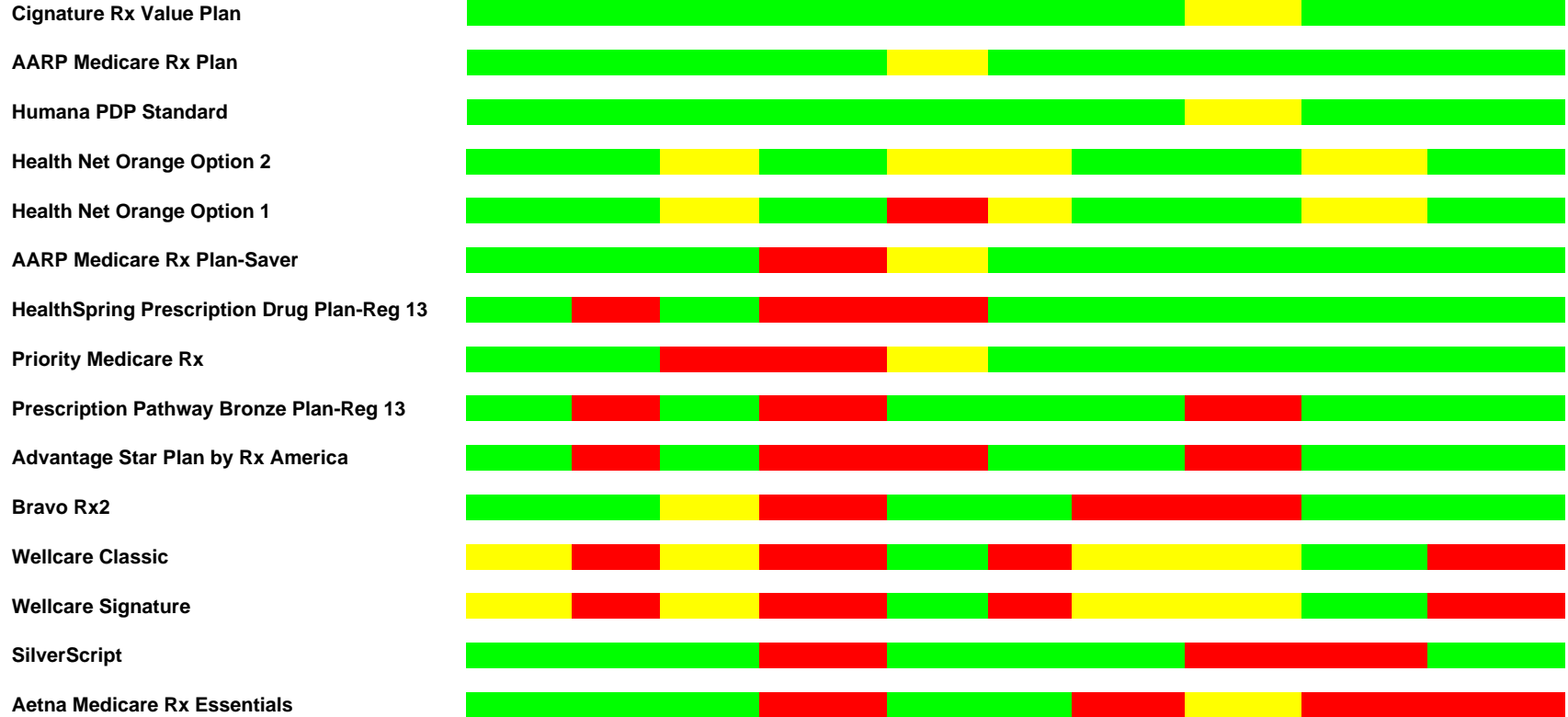
### Plan Differences:

- Three plans cover all drugs, but apply prior authorization (PA) or step therapy to one.
- One plan covers all drugs but applies PA or step therapy to four drugs
- 11 Plans do not cover all drugs, and four plans do not cover four of the ten drugs selected

## Michigan

Region 13 Plans for Auto-enrollment  
**Plan Name**

**Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm**



■ On formulary; no restriction  
■ Requires prior authorization or step therapy  
■ Not covered



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## Region 14: Ohio

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents:</b>	71,174
<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents:</b>	46,263 (65%)
<b>Number of Nursing Homes:</b>	864
<b>Number of PDPs below Benchmark:</b>	13

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Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

### Plan Differences

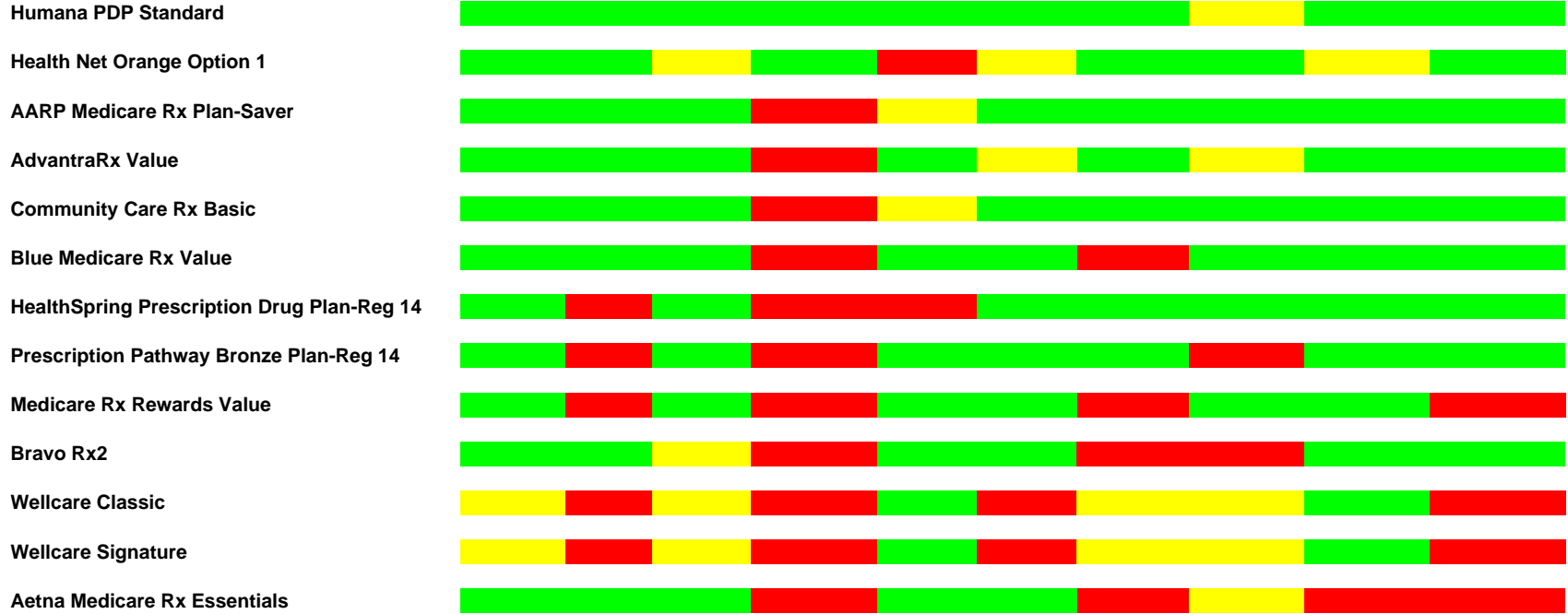
- One plan covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- 12 Plans do not cover all drugs, with four plans not covering four of the drugs selected.

Ohio

Region 14 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm



■ On formulary; no restriction  
■ Requires prior authorization or step therapy  
■ Not covered



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## Region 15: Indiana and Kentucky

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents:</b>	Kentucky:	23,253
	Indiana:	36,499
	<u>Total</u>	59,752

<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents:</b>	Kentucky:	15,580 (67%)
	<u>Indiana:</u>	<u>22,629 (62%)</u>
	Total:	38,209

<b>Number of Nursing Homes:</b>	Kentucky:	295
	<u>Indiana:</u>	<u>468</u>
	Total:	763

**Number of PDPs below Benchmark:** 16

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Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
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Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
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Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

### Plan Differences

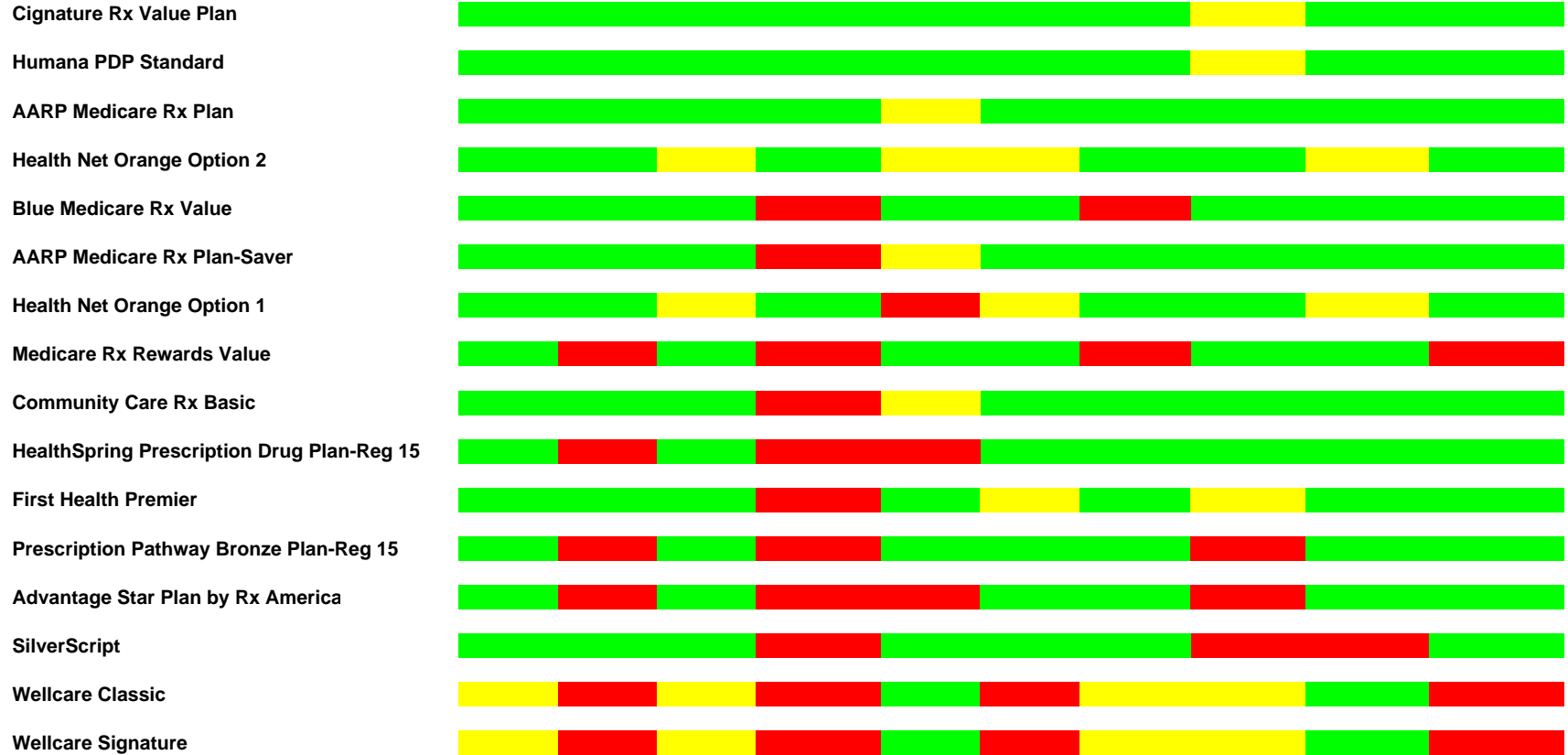
- Three plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- One Plan covers all drugs, but requires PA or step therapy on four drugs
- 12 plans do not cover all drugs, with four plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.

Indiana/Kentucky

Region 15 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm



■ On formulary; no restriction  
■ Requires prior authorization or step therapy  
■ Not covered



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## Region 16: Wisconsin

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents:</b>	31,891
<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents:</b>	20,410 (64%)
<b>Number of Nursing Homes:</b>	379
<b>Number PDPs below the Benchmark:</b>	19

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

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Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

### Plan Differences

- Three plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- One Plan covers all drugs, but requires PA or step therapy on four drugs
- 15 plans do not cover all drugs, with six plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.

Wisconsin

Region 16 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm



■ On formulary; no restriction  
■ Requires prior authorization or step therapy  
■ Not covered





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## Region 17: Illinois

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents:</b>	72,298
<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents:</b>	45,548 (63%)
<b>Number of Nursing Homes:</b>	749
<b>Number of PDPs below Benchmark:</b>	17

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
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Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

### Plan Differences

- Three plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- One Plan covers all drugs, but requires PA or step therapy on four drugs
- 13 plans do not cover all drugs, with six plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.

Illinois

Region 17 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm



■ On formulary; no restriction  
■ Requires prior authorization or step therapy  
■ Not covered



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## Region 18: Missouri

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents:</b>	35,684
<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents:</b>	22,838 (64%)
<b>Number of Nursing Homes:</b>	491
<b>Number of PDPs below the Benchmark:</b>	10

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
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Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

### Plan Differences

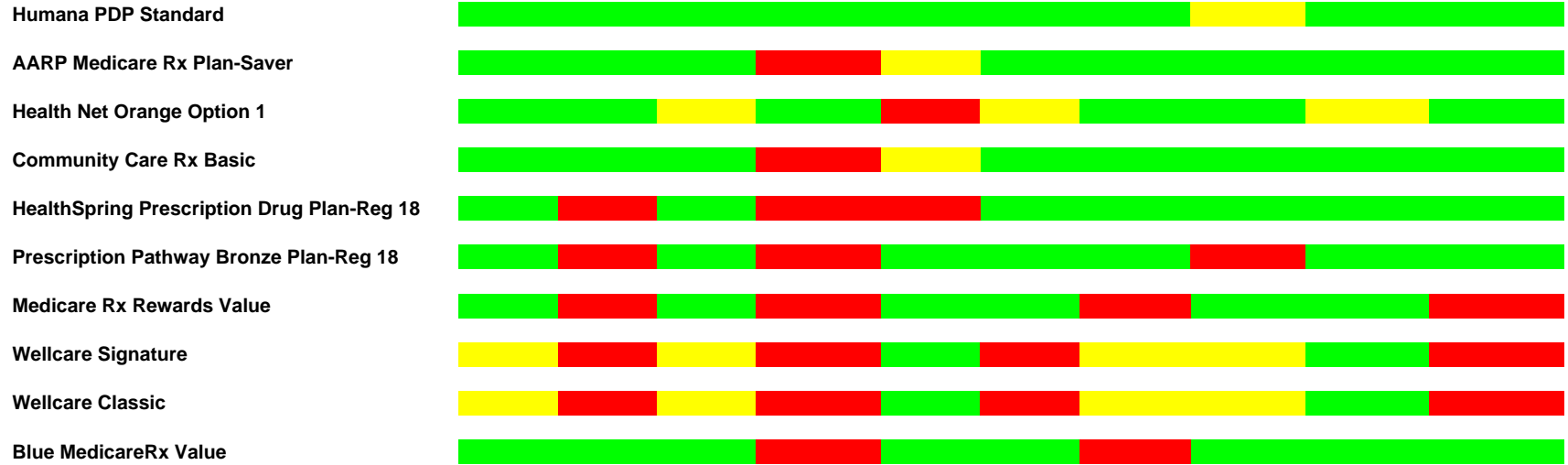
- One plan covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug.
- Nine plans do not cover all drugs, and three plans do not cover 4 of the ten drugs selected.

Missouri

Region 18 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm



■ On formulary; no restriction  
■ Requires prior authorization or step therapy  
■ Not covered



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## Region 19: Arkansas

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents:</b>	17,305
<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents:</b>	12,287 (71%)
<b>Number of Nursing Homes:</b>	235
<b>Number of PDPs below the Benchmark:</b>	18

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

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Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

### Plan Differences

- Three plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- 15 plans do not cover all drugs, with six plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.

Arkansas

Region 19 Plans for Auto-enrollment  
**Plan Name**

**Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm**



■ On formulary; no restriction  
■ Requires prior authorization or step therapy  
■ Not covered



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## Region 20: Mississippi

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents:</b>	15,490
<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents:</b>	11,772 (76%)
<b>Number of Nursing Homes:</b>	198
<b>Number of PDPs below the Benchmark:</b>	15

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

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Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

### Plan Differences

- Four plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- 11 plans do not cover all drugs, with five plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.

Mississippi

Region 20 Plans for Auto-enrollment  
Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm



■ On formulary; no restriction  
■ Requires prior authorization or step therapy  
■ Not covered





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## Region 21: Louisiana

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents:</b>	25,569
<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents:</b>	19,944 (78%)
<b>Number of Nursing Homes:</b>	272
<b>Number of PDPs below the Benchmark:</b>	8

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

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Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

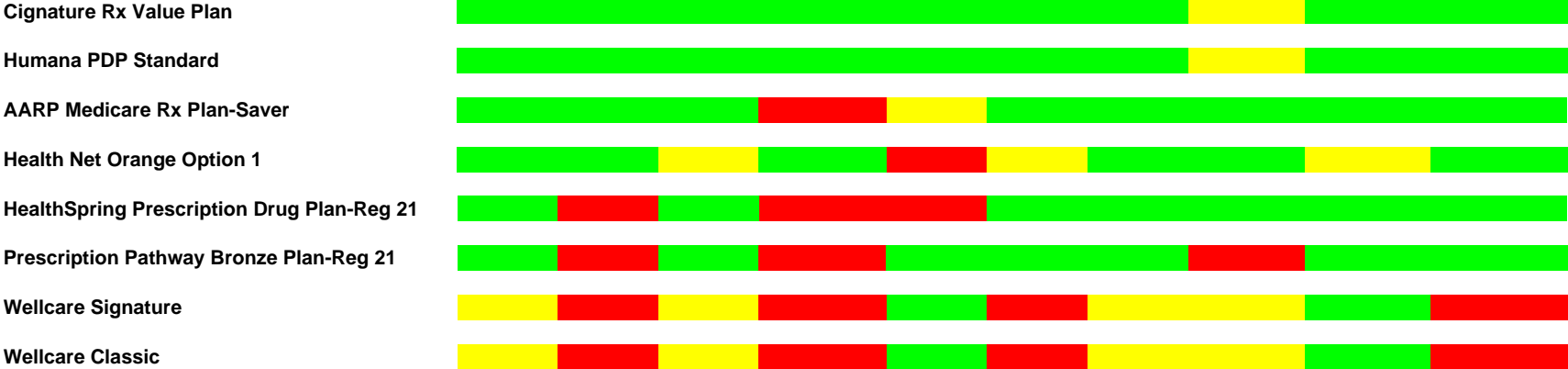
### Plan Differences

- Two plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- Six plans do not cover all drugs, with two plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.

Louisiana

Region 21 Plans for Auto-enrollment  
**Plan Name**

**Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm**



■ On formulary; no restriction  
■ Requires prior authorization or step therapy  
■ Not covered



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## Region 22: Texas

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents</b>	84,104
<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents</b>	57,191
<b>Number of Nursing Homes</b>	1,074
<b>Number of PDPs below the Benchmark:</b>	12

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

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Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

### Plan Differences

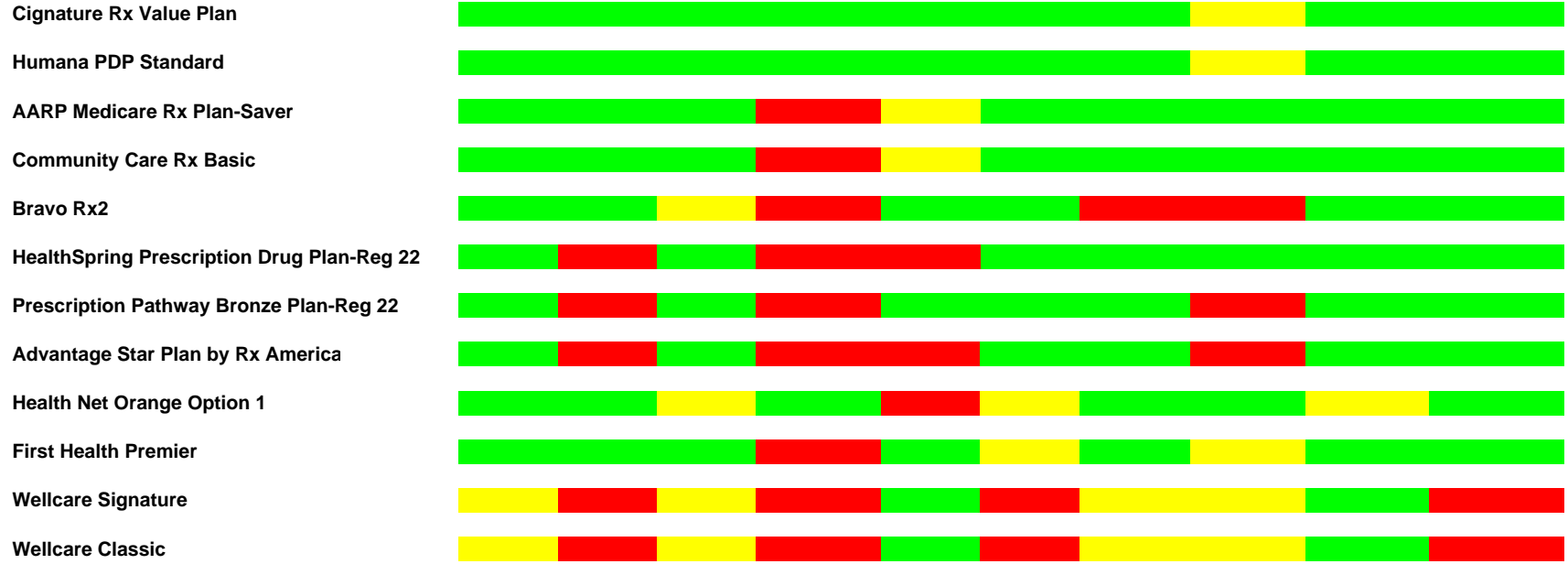
- Two plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- 10 plans do not cover all drugs, with three plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.

Texas

Region 22 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm



■ On formulary; no restriction  
■ Requires prior authorization or step therapy  
■ Not covered



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## Region 23: Oklahoma

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents</b>	20,580
<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents:</b>	13,377
<b>Number of Nursing Homes</b>	345
<b>Number of PDPs below Benchmark:</b>	14

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

### Plan Differences

- Four plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- 10 plans do not cover all drugs, with four plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.

Oklahoma

Region 23 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm



■ On formulary; no restriction  
■ Requires prior authorization or step therapy  
■ Not covered



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## Region 24: Kansas

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents:</b>	19,684
<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents:</b>	10,629 (54%)
<b>Number of Nursing Homes</b>	349
<b>Number of PDPs below Benchmark:</b>	16

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
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Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

### Plan Differences

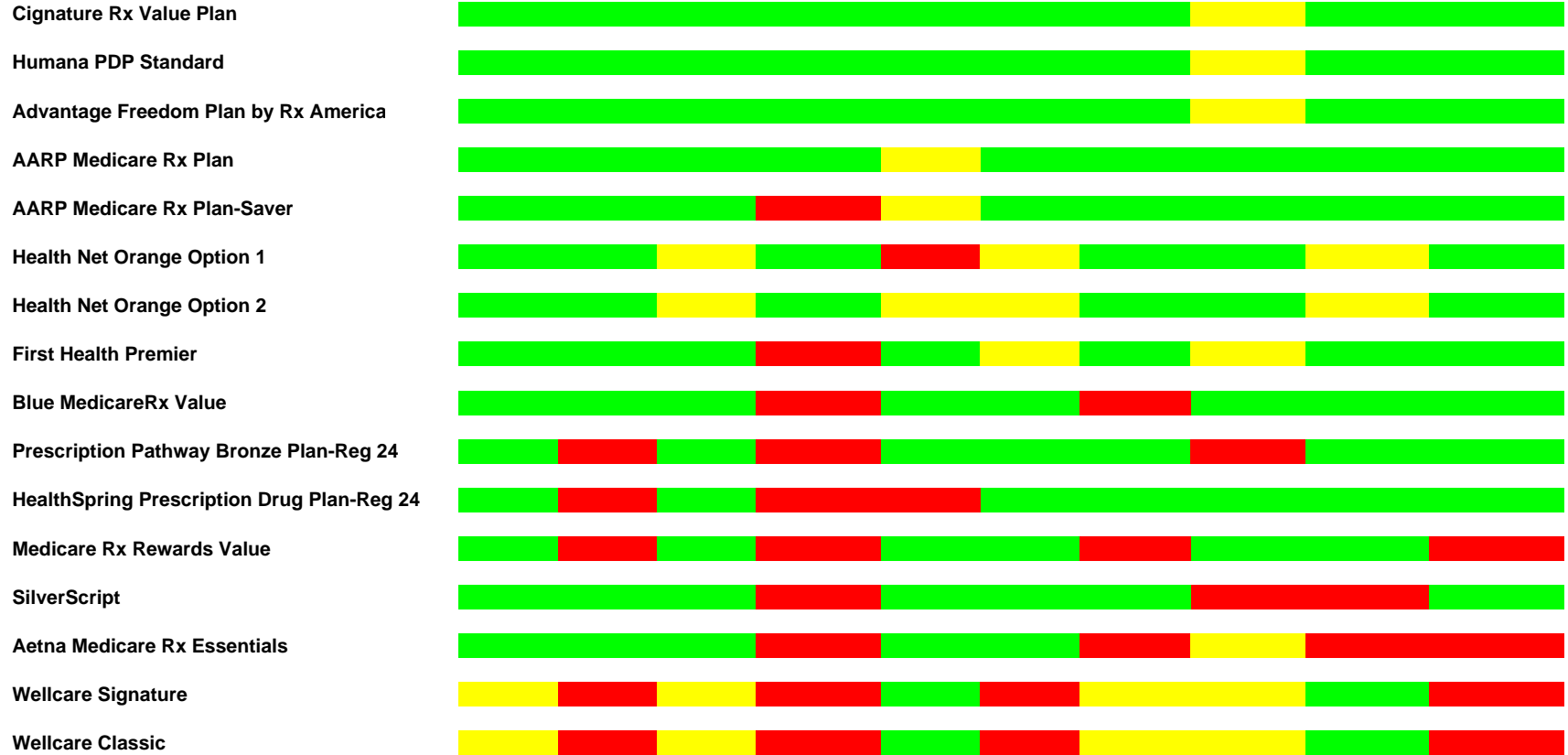
- Four plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- 12 plans do not cover all drugs, with four plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.

Kansas

Region 24 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm



■ On formulary; no restriction  
■ Requires prior authorization or step therapy  
■ Not covered





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## Region 25: Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Nebraska, Wyoming

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents:</b>	Minnesota:	29,526
	North Dakota	5,768
	South Dakota	6,360
	Montana	4,883
	Iowa	26,057
	Nebraska	12,480
	Wyoming	2,205
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	Total	87,279
<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents</b>	Minnesota:	17,125 (58%)
	North Dakota	3,230 (56%)
	South Dakota	3,498 (55%)
	Montana	2,686 (57%)
	Iowa	13,028 (50%)
	Nebraska	7,114 (54%)
	Wyoming	1,323 (60%)
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	Total	48,004 (57%)
<b>Number of Nursing Homes:</b>	Minnesota	356
	North Dakota	78
	Wyoming	36
	Montana	88
	Iowa	435
	Nebraska	215
	South Dakota	107
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Total	1,317	
<b>Number of PDPs below Benchmark:</b>	16	

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

- Actonel: Treatment for osteoporosis
- Altace: Treatment of congestive heart failure
- Aricept: Treatment of Alzheimer's disease

Betapace: Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm  
Cozaar: Treatment of high blood pressure  
Actos: Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes  
Lexapro: Treatment of depression  
Protonix: Treatment of gastric reflux  
Levaquin: Treatment of certain types of infection  
Xenaderm: Treatment of wounds

### **Plan Differences**

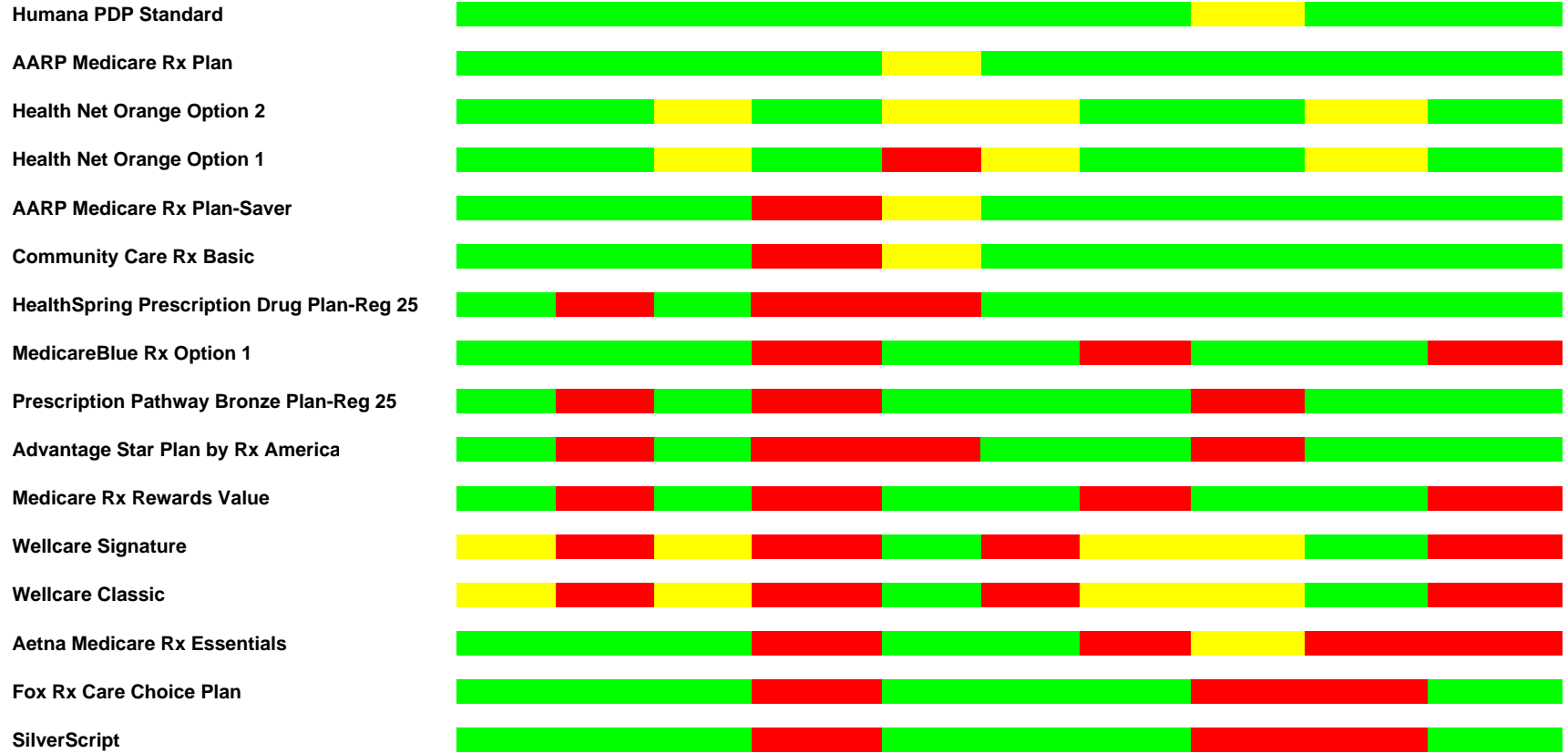
- Two plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- One plan covers all drugs, but requires PA or step therapy for four drugs
- 13 plans do not cover all drugs, with five plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.

Region 25 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Iowa/Minnesota/North Dakota/South Dakota/Nebraska  
Montana/Wyoming

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm



■ On formulary; no restriction  
■ Requires prior authorization or step therapy  
■ Not covered



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## Region 26: New Mexico

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents:</b>	5,494
<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents:</b>	3,681 (67%)
<b>Number of Nursing Homes</b>	68
<b>Number of PDPs below Benchmark:</b>	9

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

Actonel:	Treatment for osteoporosis
Altace:	Treatment of congestive heart failure
Aricept:	Treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

### Plan Differences

- One plan covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- 8 plans do not cover all drugs, with three plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.

New Mexico

Region 26 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Humana PDP Standard



Health Net Orange Option 1



AARP Medicare Rx Plan-Saver



Prescription Pathway Bronze Plan-Reg 26



Medicare Rx Rewards Value



Advantage Star Plan by Rx America



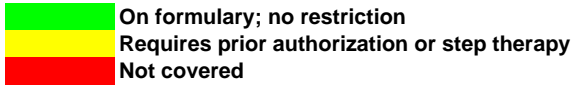
Wellcare Classic



Presbyterian Prescription Drug Plan 1



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## Region 27: Colorado

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents:</b>	15,852
<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents:</b>	9,353 (59%)
<b>Number of Nursing Homes</b>	203
<b>Number of PDPs below Benchmark:</b>	15

The Attached chart shows a list of 10 commonly-used drugs in the long-term care setting:

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Betapace:	Treatment of abnormal heart rhythm
Cozaar:	Treatment of high blood pressure
Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

### Plan Differences

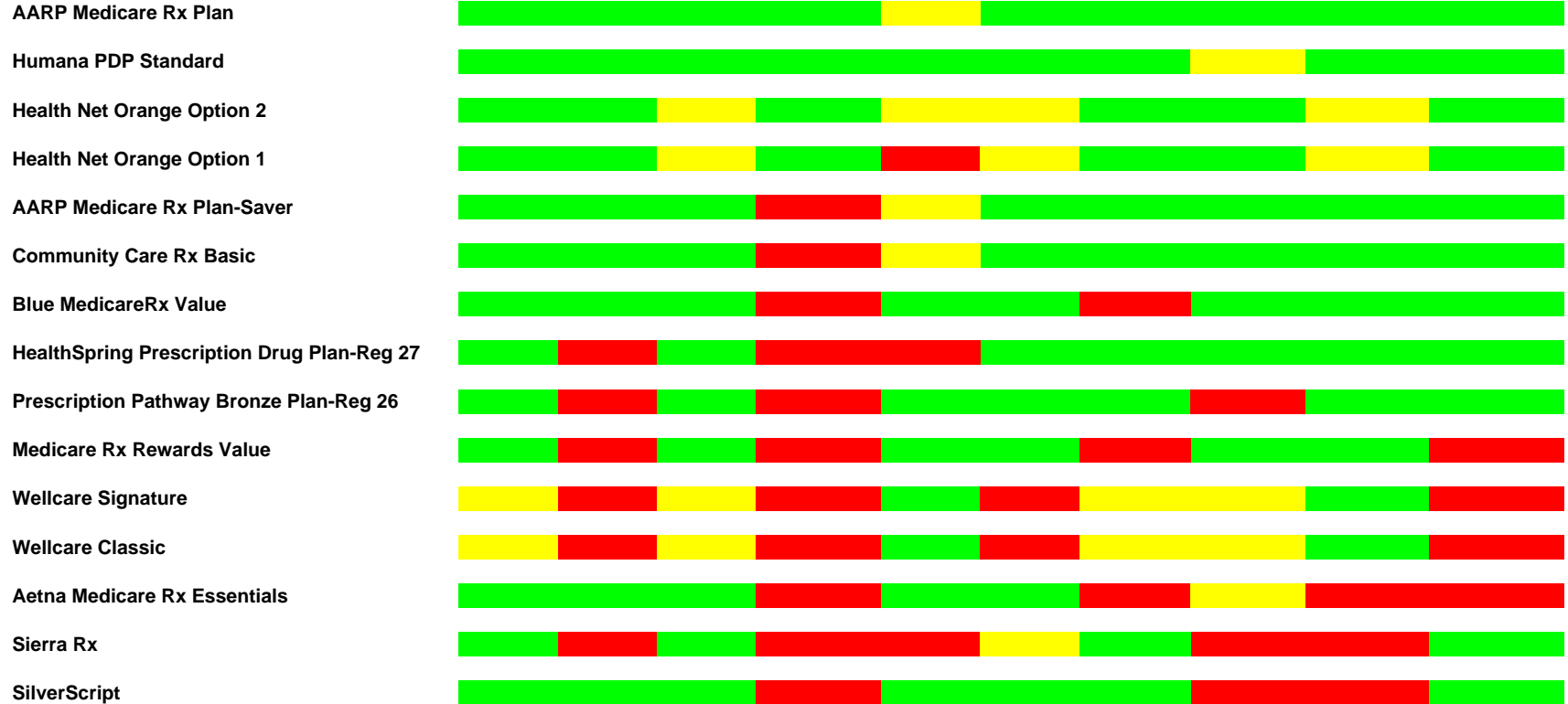
- Two plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- One plan covers all drugs, but requires PA or step therapy for four drugs
- 12 plans do not cover all drugs, with five plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.

Colorado

Region 27 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm



■ On formulary; no restriction  
■ Requires prior authorization or step therapy  
■ Not covered



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## Region 28: Arizona

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents:</b>	8,618
<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents:</b>	5,516 (64%)
<b>Number of Nursing Homes:</b>	87
<b>Number of PDPs below the Benchmark:</b>	8

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Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

### Plan Differences

- Two plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- Six plans do not cover all drugs, with four plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.
- One plan does not cover five of the drugs selected



Arizona

Region 28 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Cignature Rx Value Plan



Humana PDP Standard



Health Net Orange Option 1



AARP Medicare Rx Plan-Saver



Medicare Rx Rewards Value



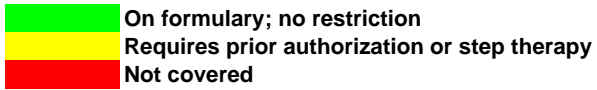
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## Region 29: Nevada

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents:</b>	4,261
<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents</b>	2,642 (62%)
<b>Number of Nursing Homes</b>	46
<b>Number of PDPs below the Benchmark</b>	7

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Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

### Plan Differences

- One plan covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- Six plans do not cover all drugs, with three plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected.

Nevada

Region 29 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Humana PDP Standard



AARP Medicare Rx Plan-Saver



Health Net Orange Option 1



Blue MedicareRx Value



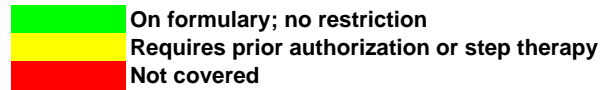
Medicare Rx Rewards Value



Wellcare Signature



Wellcare Classic





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## Region 30: Oregon and Washington

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents:</b>	Oregon:	7,424
	Washington	19,104
	<u>Total</u>	26,528

<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents:</b>	Oregon	4,529 (61%)
	Washington	11,844 (61%)
	<u>Total</u>	16,373

<b>Number of Nursing Homes</b>	Oregon	124
	Washington	243
	<u>Total</u>	367

**Number of PDPs below the Benchmark:** 16

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Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

### Plan Differences

- Three plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- 13 plans do not cover all drugs, with four plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected
- One plan does not cover 5 of the 10 drugs selected

Oregon/Washington

Region 30 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm



■ On formulary; no restriction  
■ Requires prior authorization or step therapy  
■ Not covered



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## Region 31: Utah and Idaho

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents</b>	Utah	4,615
	Idaho	4,183
	<u>Total</u>	8,798
<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents:</b>	Utah	2,538 (55%)
	Idaho	2,468 (59%)
	<u>Total</u>	5,006
<b>Number of Nursing Homes</b>	Utah	81
	Idaho	71
	<u>Total</u>	152
<b>Number of PDPs below Benchmark</b>		18

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Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

### Plan Differences

- Three plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- 15 plans do not cover all drugs, with five plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected
- Two plans do not cover 5 of the 10 drugs selected

Utah/Idaho

Region 31 Plans for Auto-enrollment

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Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm



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■ Requires prior authorization or step therapy  
■ Not covered



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## Region 32: California

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents:</b>	100,268
<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents</b>	66,177 (66%)
<b>Number of Nursing Homes</b>	1,228
<b>Number of PDPs below Benchmark</b>	9

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Actos:	Treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes
Lexapro:	Treatment of depression
Protonix:	Treatment of gastric reflux
Levaquin:	Treatment of certain types of infection
Xenaderm:	Treatment of wounds

### Plan Differences

- Two plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- 7 plans do not cover all drugs, with five plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected



California

Region 31 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm

Plan Name	Actonel	Altace	Aricept	Betapace	Cozaar	Actos	Lexapro	Protonix	Levaquin	Xenaderm
Signature Rx Value Plan	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
Humana PDP Standard	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
AARP Medicare Rx Plan-Saver	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
Health Net Orange Option 1	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction
Blue MedicareRx Value	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
Advantage Star Plan by Rx America	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction
Medicare Rx Rewards Value	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered
Wellcare Signature	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	Not covered	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered
Wellcare Classic	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	Not covered	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	Not covered	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	Requires prior authorization or step therapy	On formulary; no restriction	Not covered

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■ Requires prior authorization or step therapy  
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## Region 33: Hawaii

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents</b>	2,958
<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents</b>	2,219 (75%)
<b>Number of Nursing Homes</b>	39
<b>Number of PDPs below Benchmark:</b>	13

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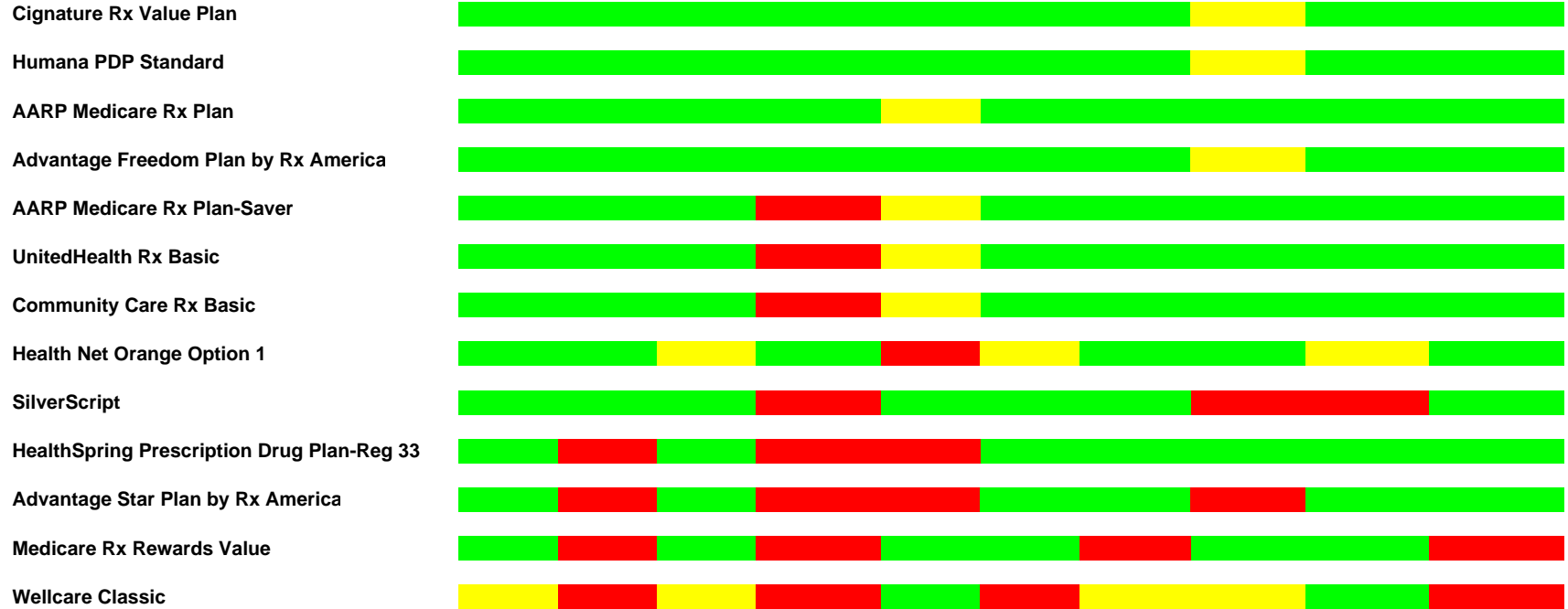
- Four plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- 9 plans do not cover all drugs, with four plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected

Hawaii

Region 33 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm



■ On formulary; no restriction  
■ Requires prior authorization or step therapy  
■ Not covered



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## Region 34: Alaska

<b>Number of Nursing Home Residents</b>	627
<b>Number of Dual-eligible Residents</b>	520 (83%)
<b>Number of Nursing Homes</b>	15
<b>Number of PDPs below Benchmark</b>	15

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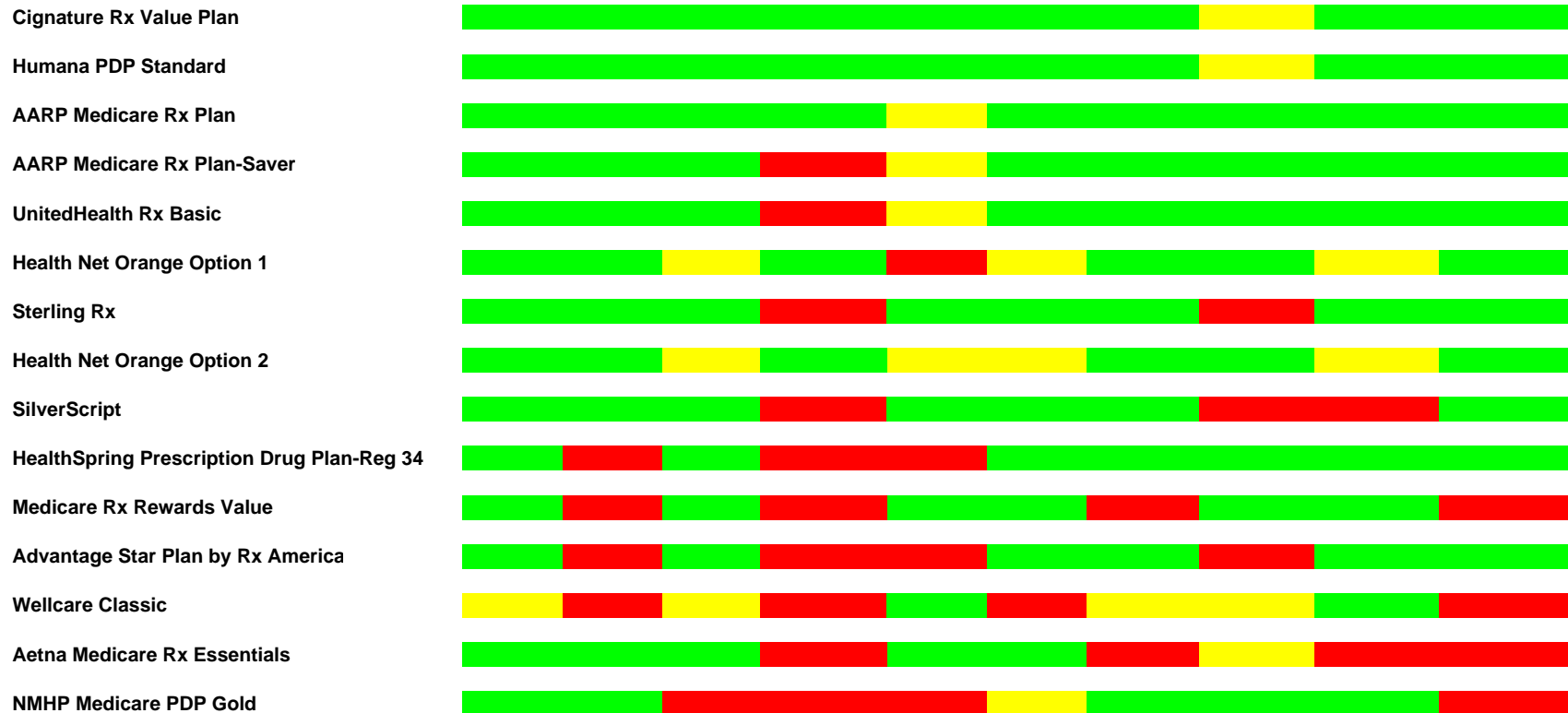
- Three plans covers all drugs, but requires prior authorization (PA) or step therapy for one drug
- 12 plans do not cover all drugs, with five plans not covering four of the 10 drugs selected

Alaska

Region 34 Plans for Auto-enrollment

Plan Name

Actonel Altace Aricept Betapace Cozaar Actos Lexapro Protonix Levaquin Xenaderm



■ On formulary; no restriction  
■ Requires prior authorization or step therapy  
■ Not covered