

ALLEGRA® AND FEXOFENADINE (Generic) ARE AVAILABLE OVER THE COUNTER – (effective March 2011)

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the Allegra® family of allergy medication products for over-the-counter (OTC) use in adults and children two years of age and older. Allegra's generic formulation fexofenadine will also become available OTC. Additionally, Allegra-D®, which also relieves nasal congestion and sinus pressure, will be available without a prescription at the pharmacy counter for use in adults and children 12 years of age and older. Allegra®, Allegra-D® (R) and the generic fexofenadine will be available in early March 2011 in their original prescription strengths without a prescription.

Your retail pharmacy should have Allegra and the generic fexofenadine available OTC beginning March 4, 2011.

Medco's online drugstore, Medco Health Store, will also have Allegra available OTC for purchase in early March 2011. Medco Health Store will send an email to registered members who have had prescription filled for Allegra in the past 12 months and who have indicated Medco can send them information. The email will include a manufacturer's coupon for use at a retail pharmacy or at the online Medco Health Store, as well as a Medco Health Store coupon for use at the online Medco Health Store.

Medco will also send a letter to non-registered members who have had a prescription filled for Allegra in the past 12 months and do not receive an email to let them know Allegra is now available as an OTC product. The letter will also include a manufacturer's coupon for use at a retail pharmacy or at the online Medco Health Store, as well as a Medco Health Store coupon for use at the online Medco Health Store.

Emails and letters will be sent to the appropriate members before the end of March 2011.