



Drug FAQs for Members

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Supplies of Gemfibrozil Reduced Nationwide

Background

This information is for all Kaiser Permanente members who are taking the medication gemfibrozil (also known as Lopid). We want you to be aware of a critical reduction in the supply of gemfibrozil tablets in the United States. This affects all Kaiser Permanente pharmacies (including network pharmacies) and all pharmacies outside of Kaiser Permanente.

What is causing the supply reductions of gemfibrozil in the United States?

- The raw materials used by manufacturers to make gemfibrozil are temporarily in short supply.
- The short supply of manufacturing materials is affecting the supply of gemfibrozil tablets.

How long will the supply reductions last?

- We do not know exactly when gemfibrozil supplies will become normal again, but the manufacturers of gemfibrozil expect to begin providing normal amounts of gemfibrozil by June 2010.

What is Kaiser Permanente doing in response to gemfibrozil supply reductions and how does this affect me?

- Due to the reduced availability of gemfibrozil nationwide, Kaiser Permanente pharmacies will provide no more than a 30-day supply of gemfibrozil at a time. By doing this we hope to preserve gemfibrozil supplies for all Kaiser Permanente members who need this medication until its availability is normal again.
- Once the supply of gemfibrozil returns to normal, the 30-day limit will be eliminated for members entitled to more than a 30-day supply.
- If you have additional questions, please call your local Kaiser Permanente pharmacy.