CY 2011 Step Therapy Record Layout

Required File Format = ASCII File - Tab Delimited Do not include a header record Filename extension should be ".TXT"

Field Name	Field Type	Field Length	Field Description	Sample Field Value(s)
Step_Therapy_Group_Desc	CHAR Always Required	100	Description of step therapy drug treatment group. Field should be repeated in the record based upon number of groups declared in Step_Therapy_Total_Groups in the Formulary File submission upload. Description of the step therapy group as it appears on the submitted formulary file. This field must exactly match the value entered in the Step_Therapy_Group_Desc field on the Formulary File. Note: For a given Rx CUI, each Group Description must be unique. Note: For each Step Therapy Group Description, there must be a Rx CUI with a Step Therapy Value equal to 1.	Step_Therapy_Group_Desc = "CHF Therapy" Step_Therapy_Group_Desc = "Angina Therapy" Step_Therapy_Group_Desc = "CVD Therapy"
Step_Therapy_Criteria	CHAR Always Required	4000	Description of the criteria of the step therapy drug.	
ST_Criteria_Change_Indicator	CHAR Always Required	1	If the ST criteria content did not change for this group description compared to CY 2010, please place a "0" in this field. If this group description is new, or the criteria content changed in any way, please place a "1" in this field".	

Please Note: Certain characters are restricted from HPMS. The submitted file will be rejected if any of the following characters are included in any field: 1) greater than sign (>), 2) less than sign (<), 3) semi-colon (;), and 4) ampersand (&).