

North Carolina Division of Medical Assistance

North Carolina Medicaid and Health Choice

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NR = Not Yet Reviewed

ALZHEIMER'S AGENTS

Preferred

donepezil 5mg, 10mg tablets / ODT (generic for Aricept® / ODT)
 Exelon® Patch
 memantine tablet / titration pack (generic for Namenda®)
 Namenda® Solution
 rivastigmine capsules (generic for Exelon®)

Non-Preferred

Aricept® ODT / Tablets
 donepezil 23mg tablets (generic for Aricept®)
 Exelon® Capsule
 galantamine ER capsule / solution / tablet (generic for Razadyne® / ER)
 memantine solution (oral) (generic for Namenda® Solution)
 Namenda® Titration Pack / XR Capsule / XR Titration Pack
 Namenda® Tablet
 Namzaric™ Solution (Oral)
 rivastigmine (Transderm) (generic for Exelon® Patch)
 Razadyne® ER Capsule / Tablet

ANALGESICS

NARCOTIC ANALGESICS

Long Acting

Clinical criteria apply

Preferred

Butrans® Patch
 Embeda® ER Capsule
 fentanyl patch 12mcg / 25mcg / 50mcg / 75mcg / 100mcg (generic for Duragesic®)
 Kadian® Capsule
 morphine sulfate ER tablet (generic for MS Contin®)
 OxyContin® Tablet

Non-Preferred

Arymo ER ® (NR)
 Avinza® Capsule
 Duragesic® Patch
 Exalgo® Tablet
 fentanyl patch (37.5 / 62.5 / 87.5mcg dosages)
 hydromorphone ER tablet (generic for Exalgo®)
 Hysingla® ER Tablet
 morphine sulfate ER capsule (generic for Avinza®, Kadian®)
 MorphaBond™ ER
 MS Contin® Tablet
 Nucynta® ER Tablet
 Opana® ER Tablet
 oxycodone ER tablet (generic for OxyContin®)
 oxymorphone ER tablet (generic for **old formulation** of Opana® ER)
 Xartemis® XR Tablet
 Xtampza® ER Capsule (NR)
 Zohydro® Capsule

Orally Disintegrating / Oral Spray Schedule II Narcotics

Clinical criteria apply

Preferred

Fentora® Buccal Tablet

Non-Preferred

fentanyl citrate lozenge (generic for Actiq®)
 Abstral® SL Tablet
 Actiq® Lozenge
 Belbuca (Buccal)
 Subsys® Spray

NARCOTIC ANALGESICS

Short Acting Schedule II Narcotics

Clinical criteria apply

Preferred

Endocet® Tablet (branded generic for Percocet®)
 hydrocodone-acetaminophen solution / tablet (generic for Hycet®, Lorcet®, Lortab®, Norco®, Vicodin®)
 hydrocodone-ibuprofen tablet (generic for Ibudone®, Repraxin®, Vicoprofen®)
 hydromorphone tablet (generic for Dilaudid® Tablet)

Non-Preferred

codeine sulfate solution / tablet
 Demerol® Tablet
 Dilaudid® Liquid / Tablet
 Endodan® Tablet (branded generic for Percodan®)

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NARCOTIC ANALGESICS (Continued)

Short Acting Schedule II Narcotics

Clinical criteria apply

<p>morphine solution / tablet (generic for MSIR®)</p> <p>oxycodone concentrated solution (generic for Roxicodone® Intensol)</p> <p>oxycodone solution / tablet (generic for Roxicodone®)</p> <p>oxycodone-acetaminophen capsules (generic for Tylox®)</p> <p>oxycodone-acetaminophen tablets (generic for Percocet®)</p> <p>Xylon® (branded generic for Repraxin®)</p>	<p>Hycet® Solution</p> <p>hydromorphone solution / suppository (generic for Dilaudid®)</p> <p>Ibudone® Tablet</p> <p>Lazanda® Nasal Spray</p> <p>levorphanol tablet (generic for Levo-Dromoran®)</p> <p>Lorcet® Tablet / HD Tablet / Plus Tablet</p> <p>Lortab® Tablet</p> <p>meperidine solution / tablet (generic for Demerol®)</p> <p>Meperitab® tablet (branded generic for Demerol®)</p> <p>morphine suppositories (generic for Roxanol®)</p> <p>Norco® Tablet</p> <p>Nucynta® Tablet</p> <p>Opana® Tablet</p> <p>Oxecta® Tablet</p> <p>oxycodone/APAP suspension (NR)</p> <p>oxycodone-aspirin tablet (generic for Endodan®, Percodan®)</p> <p>oxycodone-ibuprofen tablet (generic for Combunox®)</p> <p>oxymorphone tablet (generic for Opana®)</p> <p>oxycodone capsule (generic for OxyIR®)</p> <p>Percocet® Tablet</p> <p>Percodan® Tablet</p> <p>Primlev® Tablet</p> <p>Reprexain® Tablet</p> <p>Roxicet® Solution</p> <p>Roxicodone® Tablet</p> <p>Vicodin® Tablet / ES Tablet / HP Tablet</p> <p>Vicoprofen® Tablet</p> <p>Xodol® Tablet</p> <p>Zamicet® Solution</p>
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NARCOTIC ANALGESICS

Short Acting Schedule III – IV Analgesic Combinations

Preferred	Non-Preferred
<p>codeine-acetaminophen solution / tablet (generic for Tylenol with Codeine®)</p> <p>tramadol tablet (generic for Ultram®)</p> <p>tramadol-acetaminophen tablet (generic for Ultracet®)</p>	<p>Ascomp® Capsule (branded generic for Fiorinal with Codeine®)</p> <p>butalbital compound with codeine capsule (generic for Fiorinal with Codeine®)</p> <p>butalbital-caffeine-APAP with codeine tablet (generic for Fioricet with Codeine®)</p> <p>butorphanol spray (generic for Stadol®)</p> <p>Capital® with Codeine Suspension</p> <p>carisoprodol compound with codeine tablet (generic for Soma® Compound with Codeine)</p> <p>Conzip® Capsule</p> <p>dihydrocodeine-acetaminophen-caffeine tablet (generic for Panlor SS®)</p> <p>dihydrocodeine-aspirin-caffeine capsule (generic for Synalgos-DC®)</p> <p>Fioricet® with Codeine Capsule</p> <p>Fiorinal® with Codeine Capsule</p> <p>pentazocine-naloxone tablet (generic for Talwin NX®)</p> <p>Synalgos-DC® Capsule</p> <p>tramadol ER tablet (generic for Ultram ER®, Ryzolt®)</p> <p>Tylenol® with Codeine Tablet</p> <p>Ultracet® Tablet</p> <p>Ultram® Tablet / ER Tablet</p>

ANALGESICS

NSAIDS

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Preferred	Non-Preferred
<p>ibuprofen suspension / tablet (generic for Motrin®)</p> <p>indomethacin capsule (generic for Indocin®)</p> <p>ketorolac tablet (generic for Toradol®)</p> <p>meloxicam tablet (generic for Mobic Tablet®)</p> <p>naproxen EC tablet (generic for Naprosyn® EC)</p> <p>naproxen tablet (generic for Naprosyn® Tablet)</p> <p>sulindac tablet (generic for Clinoril®)</p>	<p>Anaprox® Tablet / DS Tablet</p> <p>Arthrotec® Tablet</p> <p>DayPro® Caplet</p> <p>diclofenac potassium tablet (generic for Cataflam®)</p> <p>diclofenac sodium tablet / ER tablet (generic for Voltaren® / XR)</p> <p>diclofenac sodium-misoprostol tablet (generic for Arthrotec®)</p> <p>diflunisal tablet (generic for Dolobid®)</p> <p>EC-Naprosyn® Tablet</p> <p>etodolac capsule / tablet / ER tablet(generic for Lodine® / XL)</p> <p>Feldene® Capsule</p> <p>fenoprofen tablet (generic for Nalfon®)</p> <p>flurbiprofen tablet (generic for Ansaid®)</p> <p>Indocin® Suppository / Suspension</p> <p>indomethacin ER capsule (generic for Indocin SR®)</p> <p>Inflammacin ® tablets (NR)</p> <p>ketoprofen capsule (generic for Orudis®)</p> <p>ketoprofen ER capsule (generic for Oruvail®)</p> <p>meclofenamate capsule (generic for Meclomen®)</p> <p>mefenamic acid capsule (generic for Ponstel®)</p> <p>Mobic® Tablet</p> <p>nabumetone tablet (generic for Relafen®)</p> <p>Nalfon® Capsule</p> <p>Naprelan® Tablet</p> <p>Naprosyn® Tablet</p> <p>Naprosyn® EC</p> <p>naproxen CR</p> <p>naproxen sodium ER tablet (generic for Naprelan®)</p> <p>naproxen sodium tablet (generic for Anaprox®)</p> <p>naproxen suspension (generic for Naprosyn® Suspension)</p> <p>oxaprozin tablet (generic for DayPro®)</p> <p>piroxicam capsule (generic for Feldene®)</p> <p>Ponstel® Kapseals</p> <p>Sprix® Nasal Spray</p> <p>Tivorbex® capsule</p> <p>tolmetin capsule / tablet (generic for Tolectin®)</p> <p>Vivlodex™</p> <p>Voltaren® XR Tablet</p> <p>Zipsor® Capsule</p> <p>Zorvolex® Capsule</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Exemption for Children Under 12</p> <p>meloxicam suspension (generic for Mobic® Oral Suspension)</p> <p>Mobic® Suspension</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Preferred</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clinical criteria apply to Brand and Generic</p> <p>Celebrex® Capsule</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Non-Preferred</p> <p>celecoxib capsule (generic for Celebrex®)</p> <p>Duexis® Tablet</p> <p>Vimovo®</p>

ANALGESICS

NEUROPATHIC PAIN

Preferred	Non-Preferred
<p>duloxetine capsule (generic for Cymbalta®)</p> <p>gabapentin capsule / solution (generic for Neurontin®)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clinical criteria apply to Lidoderm® and lidocaine patch</p> <p>Cymbalta® Capsule</p> <p>Gralise® Starter Pack / Tablet</p> <p>Horizant®</p>

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Irenka® Capsule
Lyrica® Capsule / Solution
Neurontin® Capsule / Solution / Tablet
Savella® Tablet / Titration Pack
Dermacin RX® PHN PAK
lidocaine patch (generic for Lidoderm®)
Lidoderm® Patch
Qutenza® Kit

ANTICONVULSANTS

CARBAMAZEPINE DERIVATIVES

Preferred

Aptiom® Tablet
carbamazepine chewable (generic for Tegretol®)
carbamazepine ER capsule (generic for Carbatrol®)
Carbatrol® Capsule
Equetro® Capsule
oxcarbazepine tablet (generic for Trileptal®)
Oxtellar® XR Tablet
Tegretol® Suspension / Tablet / XR Tablet
Trileptal® Suspension

Non-Preferred

carbamazepine suspension / tablet (generic for Tegretol®)
carbamazepine XR tablet (generic for Tegretol XR®)
Epitol® Tablet
oxcarbazepine suspension- (generic for Trileptal®)
Spritam® Tablet (NR)
Trileptal® Tablet (oral)

FIRST GENERATION

Preferred

Celontin® Kapseal
Depakene® Capsule / Solution
Depakote® Tablet
Dilantin® Capsule / Infatab / Suspension
divalproex capsule/ sprinkle / ER tablet / tablet(generic for Depakote® / ER)
ethosuximide capsule / solution (generic for Zarontin®)
felbamate suspension / tablet (generic for Felbatol®)
Mysoline® Tablet
Peganone® Tablet
phenobarbital
Phenytek® Capsule
phenytoin chewable / capsules / infatab / suspension (generic for Dilantin®)
phenytoin extended capsules (generic for Phenytek®)
Primidone® Tablet
valproic acid capsule / solution (generic for Depakene®)
Zarontin® Capsule / Solution

Non-Preferred

Depakote® ER Tablet / Sprinkle Capsule
Felbatol® Suspension / Tablet
Valproate Syrup (oral)

SECOND GENERATION

Patients with seizure disorder are exempt and may use any second generation product.

Preferred

clonazepam tablet (generic for Klonopin®)
Diastat® Accudial / Pedi System
gabapentin capsule / solution (generic for Neurontin®)
Gabitril® Tablet
lamotrigine chewable / starter kits / tablet (generic for Lamictal®)
levetiracetam tablet / ER tablet / solution (generic for Keppra® / XR)
Topiragen® Tablet (branded generic for Topamax®)
topiramate sprinkle capsule / tablet (generic for Topamax®)
zonisamide capsule (generic for Zonegran®)

Non-Preferred

Banzel® Suspension / Tablet
Briviact® Tablet and Solution (NR)
clonazepam ODT (generic for Klonopin® Wafer)
diazepam rectal / system (generic for Diastat® Accudial / Pedi System)
Fycompa® Tablet / Kit/Suspension (NR)
gabapentin tablet (generic for Neurontin® Tablet)
Gralise® Starter Pack / Tablet
Keppra® Tablet / Solution / XR Tablet
Klonopin® Tablet
Lamictal® Chewable / ODT / Starter Kit / Tablet / XR / XR Starter Kit / Tablet

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lamotrigine ER tablet / ODT (generic for Lamictal® XR / ODT)
 Lyrica® Capsule / Solution
 Neurontin® Capsule / Solution / Tablet
 Onfi® Suspension / Tablet
 Potiga® Tablet
 Qudexy® XR Capsule
 Sabril® Powder Packet / Tablet
 tiagabine tablet (generic for Gabitril®)

ANTICONVULSANTS

SECOND GENERATION (continued)

Patients with seizure disorder are exempt and may use any second generation product.

Topamax® Sprinkle Capsule / Tablet
 topiramate ER capsule (generic for Qudexy®)
 Trokendi® XR Capsule
 Vimpat® Solution / Starter Kit / Tablet
 Zonegran® Capsule
 Spritam® Tablet (NR)

ANTI-INFECTIVES-SYSTEMIC

ANTIBIOTICS

Cephalosporins and Related

Preferred

amoxicillin capsule / chewable / suspension / tablet (generic for Amoxil®, Trimox®)
 amoxicillin-clavulanate chewable / suspension / tablet / XR tablet (generic for Augmentin® /XR)
 Cedax® Capsule / Suspension
 cefadroxil capsule / suspension / tablet (generic for Duricef®)
 cefdinir capsule / suspension (generic for Omnicef®)
 cefpodoxime suspension / tablet (generic for Vantin®)
 cefprozil suspension / tablet (generic for Cefzil®)
 Ceftin® Suspension / Tablet
 cefuroxime tablet (generic for Ceftin®)
 cephalixin capsule / suspension / tablet (generic for Keflex®)
 Suprax® Capsule / Chewable / Suspension/ Tablet

Non-Preferred

Augmentin® Suspension / Tablet / XR Tablet
 cefaclor capsule / suspension / ER tablet (generic for Ceclor® / CD)
 cefixime suspension
 ceftibuten capsule / suspension (generic for Cedax®)
 Keflex® Capsule

Lincosamides and Oxazolidinones

Preferred

Cleocin® Granules
 clindamycin capsules / solution (generic for Cleocin®)
 linezolid Tablet (generic for Zyvox®)
 Zyvox® Suspension

Non-Preferred

Cleocin® Capsules / Injection
 clindamycin injection (generic for Cleocin® Injection)
 Lincocin® Vial
 lincomycin injection (generic for Lincocin Vial®)
 linezolid IV solution / suspension (generic for Zyvox®)
 Sivextro® Tablet / Vial
 Synercid® Vial
 Zyvox® IV Solution
 Zyvox® Tablet

Macrolides and Ketolides

Preferred

azithromycin powder packet / suspension / tablet (generic for Zithromax®)
 clarithromycin suspension / tablet (generic for Biaxin®)
 E.E.S.® Granules / Filmtab
 Eryped® Suspension
 Erythrocin® Filmtab
 erythromycin EC capsule (generic for Ery-C®)
 erythromycin filmtab
 erythromycin es tablet (E.E.S® Filmtab)

Non-Preferred

Biaxin® Suspension / Tablet
 clarithromycin ER tablet (generic for Biaxin XL®)
 Ery-Tab® Tablet
 Ketek® Tablet
 PCE® Tablet
 Zithromax® Powder Packet / Suspension / Tablet / Tri-Pak / Z-Pak
 Zmax® Suspension

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Nitromidazoles

Preferred

metronidazole tablet (generic for Flagyl® Tablet)
Vancocin® Capsule

Non-Preferred

Alinia® Suspension / Tablet
Dificid® Tablet
Flagyl® Capsule / ER Tablet/ Tablet
metronidazole capsule (generic for Flagyl® Capsule)

ANTI-INFECTIVES-SYSTEMIC

ANTIBIOTICS

Nitromidazoles (Continued)

neomycin tablet (generic for Mycifradin®)
paromomycin capsule (generic for Humatin®)
Tindamax® Tablet
tinidazole tablet (generic for Tindamax®)
vancomycin capsule (generic for Vancocin®)

Exemption for Diagnosis of Hepatic Encephalopathy

Xifaxan® Tablet

Quinolones

Preferred

Avelox® Tablet
Cipro® Suspension
ciprofloxacin tablets (generic for Cipro®)
levofloxacin tablet (generic for Levaquin® Tablet)

Non-Preferred

Avelox® ABC Pack
Cipro® Tablet / XR Tablet
ciprofloxacin ER tablet / suspension (generic for Cipro® XR / Suspension)
Levaquin® Solution / Tablet
levofloxacin solution (generic for Levaquin® Solution)
moxifloxacin tablet (generic for Avelox®)
ofloxacin tablet (generic for Floxin®)

ANTI-INFECTIVES-SYSTEMIC

ANTIBIOTICS

Tetracycline Derivatives

Preferred

doxycycline hyclate capsule / tablet (generic for Vibramycin®, Vibra-Tab®)
doxycycline monohydrate 50mg, 100mg capsule (generic for Monodox®)
minocycline capsule (generic for Minocin®)

Non-Preferred

Clinical justification required and failure of doxycycline and minocycline. Solodyn ER® limited to 12 week supply.

Adoxa® Capsule
demeclocycline tablet (generic for Declomycin®)
Doryx® DR Tablet
Doryx® MPC Tablet (NR)
doxycycline hyclate DR tablet (generic for Doryx DR®)
doxycycline monohydrate 75mg, 150mg capsule (generic for Monodox®, Adoxa®)
doxycycline monohydrate 40mg capsules (generic for Oracea® Capsules) (NR)
doxycycline monohydrate tablets (generic for Adoxa®)
minocycline ER tablet (generic for Solodyn® ER)
minocycline tablet (generic for Dynacin®)
Morgidox® Capsule / Kit
Oracea® Capsule
Solodyn® ER Tablet
tetracycline capsule (generic for Sumycin®)
Vibramycin® Capsules

Exemption for doxycycline liquid in patients < 12 years old

doxycycline suspension (generic for Vibramycin Suspension®)
Vibramycin® Suspension / Syrup

Antifungals

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Preferred	Non-Preferred
clotrimazole troche (generic for Mycelex Troche®)	Ancobon® Capsule
fluconazole suspension / tablet (generic for Diflucan®)	Cresemba® Capsule
griseofulvin suspension (generic for Grifulvin V®)	Diflucan® Suspension / Tablet
griseofulvin ultra tablets (generic for Gris-Peg®)	flucytosine capsule (generic for Ancobon®)
Grifulvin V® Tablet	griseofulvin micro tablets (generic for Grifulvin V®)
nystatin suspension (generic for Nilstat® Suspension)	Gris-Peg® Tablet

ANTI-INFECTIVES-SYSTEMIC

ANTIBIOTICS

Antifungals (continued)

nystatin tablet (generic for Mycostatin®)	itraconazole capsule (generic for Sporanox®)
terbinafine tablet (generic for Lamisil®)	ketoconazole tablet (generic for Nizoral®)
	Lamisil® Granules Packet / Tablet
	Noxafil® Suspension / Tablet
	Onmel® Tablet
	Oravig® Buccal Tablet
	Sporanox® Capsule / Solution
	Vfend® Suspension / Tablet
	voriconazole suspension / tablet (generic for Vfend®)

ANTIVIRALS

Hepatitis B Agents

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Baraclude® Solution / Suspension / Tablet	adefovir tablet (generic for Hepsera®)
Epivir® HBV Solution / Tablet	entecavir tablet (generic for Baraclude®)
Hepsera® Tablet	lamivudine HBV tablet (generic for Epivir® HBV)
Tyzeka® Tablet	Vemlidy® tablet (NR)
Viread® Powder / Tablet	

ANTIVIRALS

Hepatitis C Agents

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Copegus® Tablet	Pegasys® Vial
Moderiba® Dosepack (branded generic for Ribasphere® Ribapak)	Ribasphere® Ribapak
Moderiba® Tablet (branded generic for Copegus®)	Ribasphere® Capsule / Tablet (branded generic for Rebatrol)
Pegasys® Proclick / Syringe	
ribavirin capsule / tablet (generic for Copegus®, Rebetol®)	
	Clinical criteria apply
Harvoni® Tablet	Daklinza® Tablet (for genotype 3)
Epclusa® Tablet (for genotype 2 and 3)	(must request Sovaldi® in addition to Daklinza® with a separate PA)
Technivie® Dose Pack (for genotype 4)	Epclusa® Tablet (for genotype 1,4,5 and 6)
Viekira® Pak	Olysio® Capsule
Viekira® XR Tablet	Sovaldi® Tablet
Zepatier® Tablet	

Herpes Treatments

Preferred	Non-Preferred
acyclovir capsule / tablet (generic for Zovirax®)	acyclovir suspension (generic for Zovirax®)
famciclovir tablet (generic for Famvir®)	Famvir® Tablet
valacyclovir tablet (generic for Valtrex®)	Sitavig® Buccal Tablet
Zovirax® Suspension	Valtrex® Caplet
	Zovirax® Capsule / Tablet

Influenza

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Preferred	Non-Preferred
amantadine capsule / solution (generic for Symmetrel®) rimantadine tablet (generic for Flumadine®) Tamiflu® Capsule / Suspension	amantadine tablet (generic for Symmetrel®) Relenza® Diskhaler

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

ANTIDEPRESSANTS

Other

Preferred	Non-Preferred
bupropion tablet / SR tablet / XL tablet (generic for Wellbutrin® / SR / XL) duloxetine capsule (generic for Cymbalta®) maprotiline tablet (generic for Ludiomil®) mirtazapine ODT / tablet (generic for Remeron®) Nardil® Tablet Parnate® Tablet phenelzine tablet (generic for Nardil®) tranylcypromine tablet (generic for Parnate®) trazodone tablet (generic for Desyrel®) venlafaxine tablet / ER capsules (generic for Effexor®, Effexor® XR)	Aplenzin® Tablet Trintellix® Tablet Cymbalta® Capsule desvenlafaxine ER tablet (generic for Khedezla®) Effexor® XR Capsules Emsam® Patch Fetzima® Capsule / Titration Pak Forfivo® XL Tablet Khedezla® nefazodone tablet (generic for Serzone®) Oleptro® ER Tablet Pristiq® ER Tablet Remeron® Solutab / Tablet Savella® Tablet / Titration Pack venlafaxine ER tablets (generic for Effexor® ER) Viibryd® Starter Pack / Tablet Wellbutrin® Tablet / SR Tablet / XR Tablet

ANTIDEPRESSANTS

Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor (SSRI)

Preferred	Non-Preferred
citalopram solution / tablet (generic for Celexa®) escitalopram tablet (generic for Lexapro® Tablet) fluoxetine capsule / solution (generic for Prozac®) fluvoxamine tablet (generic for Luvox®) paroxetine tablet (generic for Paxil®) sertraline concentrated solution / tablet (generic for Zoloft®)	Exemption applies to children < 12 years old for fluoxetine tablet (generic for Prozac®) Brisdell® Capsule Celexa® Tablet escitalopram solution (generic for Lexapro® Solution) fluoxetine DR capsules (generic for Prozac® Weekly) fluoxetine tablet (generic for Prozac®) fluvoxamine ER capsule (generic for Luvox CR®) Lexapro® Solution / Tablet paroxetine CR tablet (generic for Paxil CR®) Paxil® Suspension / Tablet / CR Tablet Pexeva® Tablet Prozac® Pulvule / Weekly Capsule Sarafem® Tablet Zoloft® Solution / Tablet

ANTIHYPERKINESIS/ ADHD

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Adderall® XR Capsule amphetamine salt combo tablets (generic for Adderall®) clonidine ER tablet (Kapvay®) Daytrana® Patch Desoxyn® Tablet dextroamphetamine ER capsule (generic for Dexedrine® Spansules) dextroamphetamine tablet (generic for Dexedrine®) Focalin® Tablet / XR Capsule guanfacine ER tablet (generic for Intuniv®)	Adderall® Tablet <GENERIC PRODUCT PER FDA> amphetamine salt combo XR capsules (generic for Adderall XR) Adzenys® XR ODT (NR) Aptensio® XR Concerta® Tablet Dexedrine® Tablet / Spansules dexamethylphenidate tablet / ER capsules (generic for Focalin® / XR) dextroamphetamine solution (generic for ProCentra®) Dyanavel® XR

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Kapvay® Tablet
Metadate® CD Capsule / ER Tablet
Methylin® Solution
methylphenidate ER tablets

Evekeo® Tablet
Intuniv® Tablet
methamphetamine tablet (generic for Desoxyn®)
Methylin® Chewable
methylphenidate CD capsules (generic for Metadate® CD)

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

ANTIHYPERKINESIS/ ADHD

methylphenidate ER tablets - Mallinckrodt (NOT EQUIVALENT to Concerta®)
methylphenidate ER tablets (generic for Metadate® ER, Ritalin® SR)
methylphenidate tablets (generic for Methylin®, Ritalin®)
Quillivant® XR Suspension
Ritalin® LA Capsule / Tablet
Strattera® Capsule
Vyvanse® Capsule

methylphenidate chewable / solution (generic for Methylin®)
methylphenidate LA capsules (generic for Ritalin® LA)
ProCentra® Solution
Quillichew® ER Oral
Vyvanse Chewable® (NR)
Zenzedi® Tablet

ATYPICAL ANTIPSYCHOTICS

Injectable Long Acting

Trial and Failure of only 1 preferred required

Preferred

Abilify Maintena® Syringe / Vial
fluphenazine decanoate vial (generic for Prolixin decanoate®)
Haldol® decanoate Ampule
haloperidol decanoate ampule / vial (generic for Haldol decanoate®)
Invega® Sustenna Prefilled Syringe / Trinza Syringe
Risperdal® Consta Syringe
Zyprexa® Relprevv Vial Kit

Non-Preferred

Aristada® Syringe

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

ATYPICAL ANTIPSYCHOTICS

Oral

Trial and Failure of only 1 preferred required

Preferred

Abilify® Discmelt
aripiprazole Tablet / Solution (generic for Abilify®)
clozapine ODT (generic for FazaClo®)
clozapine tablet (generic for Clozaril®)
Fanapt® Tablet
Invega® Tablet
Latuda® Tablet
olanzapine ODT / tablet (generic for Zyprexa®)
quetiapine tablet (generic for Seroquel®)
risperidone ODT / solution/tablet (generic for Risperdal®)
Saphris® SL Tablet
Seroquel® XR Tablet
Symbyax® Capsule
ziprasidone capsule (generic for Geodon®)

Non-Preferred

Clozaril® Tablet
Fanapt® Titration Pack
FazaClo® ODT
Geodon® Capsule
Nuplazid® Tablet (NR)
olanzapine-fluoxetine (generic for Symbyax®)
paliperidone (generic for Invega® Tablet)
Risperdal® Solution / Tablet / M-Tab ODT
Rexulti® Tablet
Seroquel® Tablet / XR Sample Kit
Versacloz® Suspension
Vraylar® Capsule (NR)
Zyprexa® Tablet / Zydys Tablet
Abilify® Tablet
aripiprazole ODT (generic for Abilify®)

CARDIOVASCULAR

ACE INHIBITORS

Preferred

benazepril tablet (generic for Lotensin®)
enalapril tablet (generic for Vasotec®)

Non-Preferred

Exemption applies to children < 12 years old for Epaned® Solution

Accupril® Tablet
Altace® Capsule

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lisinopril tablet (generic for Prinivil® and Zestril®)
ramipril capsule (generic for Altace®)

captopril tablet (generic for Capoten®)
Epaned® Solution
fosinopril tablet (generic for Monopril®)
Lotensin® Tablet

CARDIOVASCULAR

ACE INHIBITORS (continued)

Mavik® Tablet
moexipril tablet (generic for Univasc®)
Qbrelis® Solution (NR)
perindopril tablet (generic for Aceon®)
Prinivil® Tablet
quinapril tablet (generic for Accupril®)
trandolapril tablet (generic for Mavik®)
Univasc® Tablet
Vasotec® Tablet
Zestril® Tablet

ACE INHIBITOR CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKER COMBINATIONS

Preferred

amlodipine-benazepril capsule (generic for Lotrel®)

Non-Preferred

Lotrel® Capsule
Tarka® ER Tablet
trandolapril-verapamil ER tablet (generic for Tarka®)

ACE INHIBITOR DIURETIC COMBINATIONS

Preferred

benazepril-HCTZ tablet (generic for Lotensin® HCT)
enalapril-HCTZ tablet (generic for Vasoretic®)
lisinopril-HCTZ tablet (generic for Prinzide®, Zestoretic®)

Non-Preferred

Accuretic® Tablet
captopril-HCTZ tablet (generic for Capozide®)
fosinopril-HCTZ tablet (generic for Monopril® HCT)
Lotensin® HCT Tablet
moexipril-HCTZ tablet (generic for Uniretic®)
quinapril-HCTZ tablet (generic for Accuretic®, Quinaretic®)
Vasoretic® Tablet
Zestoretic® Tablet

ANGIOTENSIN II RECEPTOR BLOCKERS

Requires trial and failure of ACE Inhibitor unless contraindicated or adverse event, even when using a preferred product

Preferred

Diovan® Tablet
losartan tablet (generic for Cozaar®)

Non-Preferred

Atacand® Tablet
Avapro® Tablet
Benicar® Tablet
candesartan tablet (generic for Atacand®)
Cozaar® Tablet
Edarbi® Tablet
eprosartan tablet (generic for Teveten®)
irbesartan tablet (generic for Avapro®)
Micardis® Tablet
telmisartan tablet (generic for Micardis®)
valsartan tablet (generic for Diovan®)

ANGIOTENSIN II RECEPTOR BLOCKER COMBINATIONS

Requires trial and failure of ACE Inhibitor unless contraindicated or adverse event, even when using a preferred product

Preferred

Exforge® Tablet
Exforge® HCT Tablet

Non-Preferred

amlodipine/olmesartan tablet (generic for Azor®) (NR)
amlodipine-valsartan tablet (generic for Exforge®)
amlodipine-valsartan-HCTZ tablet (generic for Exforge® HCT)
Azor® Tablet

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Prestalia®
telmisartan-amlodipine tablet (generic for Twynsta®)
Tribenzor® Tablet
Twynsta® Tablet

CARDIOVASCULAR

ANGIOTENSIN II RECEPTOR BLOCKER DIURETIC COMBINATIONS

Requires trial and failure of ACE Inhibitor unless contraindicated or adverse event, even when using a preferred product

Preferred

losartan-HCTZ tablet (generic for Hyzaar®)
valsartan-HCTZ tablet (generic for Diovan® HCT)

Non-Preferred

Atacand® HCT Tablet
Avalide® Tablet
Benicar® HCT Tablet
candesartan-HCTZ tablet (generic for Atacand® HCT)
Diovan® HCT Tablet
Edarbyclor® Tablet
Hyzaar® Tablet
irbesartan-HCTZ tablet (generic for Avalide®)
Micardis® HCT Tablet
telmisartan-HCTZ tablet (generic for Micardis® HCT)
Teveten® HCT Tablet

ANGIOTENSIN II RECEPTOR-NEPRILYSIN BLOCKER COMBINATIONS

Preferred

Entresto® **Clinical Criteria Apply**

Non-Preferred

ANTI-ARRHYTHMICS

Preferred

amiodarone tablet (generic for Cordarone®)
disopyramide capsule (generic for Norpace®)
flecainide tablet (generic for Tambocor®)
mexiletine capsule (generic for Mexitil®)
propafenone tablet (generic for Rythmol®)
quinidine sulfate tablet / ER tablet (generic for Quinidex® Extentabs / Tablet)
Rythmol SR® Capsule

Non-Preferred

Cordarone® Tablet
dofetilide capsule (generic for Tikosyn®) (NR)
Multaq® Tablet
Norpace® Capsule / CR Capsule
Pacerone® Tablet
propafenone SR capsule (generic for Rythmol SR®)
quinidine gluconate tablet (generic for Quinaglute DuraTabs®)
Rythmol® Tablet
Tikosyn® Capsule

CARDIOVASCULAR

BETA BLOCKERS

Preferred

atenolol tablet (generic for Tenormin®)
carvedilol tablet (generic for Coreg®)
labetalol tablet (generic for Trandate®)
metoprolol succinate XL tablet (generic for Toprol XL®)
metoprolol tartrate tablet (generic for Lopressor®)
propranolol solution / tablet / ER capsule (generic for Inderal®)
Sorine® Tablet
sotalol AF tablet / tablet (generic for Betapace® / AF, Sorine®)

Non-Preferred

acebutolol capsule (generic for Sectral®)
Betapace® AF Tablet / Tablet
betaxolol tablet (generic for Kerlone®)
bisoprolol tablet (generic for Zebeta®)
Bystolic® Tablet
Coreg® Tablet / CR Capsule
Corgard® Tablet
Hemangeol® Solution
Inderal® LA Capsule / XL Capsule
Innopran® XL Capsule
Levatol® Tablet
Lopressor® Tablet
nadolol tablet (generic for Corgard®)
pindolol tablet (generic for Visken®)
Sectral® Capsule
Sotylize® Solution
Tenormin® Tablet

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timolol tablet (generic for Blocadren®)
 Toprol XL® Tablet
 Trandate® Tablet
 Zebeta® Tablet

CARDIOVASCULAR

BETA BLOCKER DIURETIC COMBINATION

Preferred

atenolol-chlorthalidone tablet (generic for Tenoretic®)
 bisoprolol-HCTZ tablet (generic for Ziac®)
 metoprolol-HCTZ tablet (generic for Lopressor® HCT)
 propranolol-HCTZ tablet (generic for Inderide®)

Non-Preferred

Corzide® Tablet
 Dutoprol® Tablet
 Lopressor® HCT Tablet
 nadolol-bendroflumethiazide (generic for Corzide®)
 Tenoretic® Tablet
 Ziac® Tablet

BILE ACID SEQUESTRANTS

Preferred

cholestyramine light packet / light powder / packet / powder (generic for Questran® / Light)
 colestipol tablet (generic for Colestid® Tablet)

Non-Preferred

colestipol granules (generic for Colestid® Granules)
 Colestid® Granules / Tablet
 Prevalite® Packet / Powder
 Questran® Light Powder / Packet / Powder
 Welchol® Packet / Tablet

CHOLESTEROL LOWERING AGENTS

Preferred

atorvastatin tablet (generic for Lipitor®)
 lovastatin tablet (generic for Mevacor®)
 pravastatin tablet (generic for Pravachol®)
 simvastatin tablet (generic for Zocor®)

Non-Preferred

Altoprev® Tablet
 amlodipine-atorvastatin tablet (generic for Caduet®)
 Caduet® Tablet
 Crestor® Tablet
 ezetimibe (generic for Zetia®) (NR)
 fluvastatin capsule / ER tablet (generic for Lescol® / XL)
 Lescol® Capsule / XL Tablet
 Lipitor® Tablet
 Livalo® Tablet
 Pravachol® Tablet
 rosuvastatin tablet (generic for Crestor®) (NR)
 Vytorin® Tablet
 Zetia® Tablet
 Zocor® Tablet

Clinical criteria apply

Juxtapid® Capsule
 Kynamro® Syringe

CORONARY VASODILATORS

Preferred

isosorbide dinitrate tablet / ER (generic for Isordil Titradose®, IsoDitrate®, et.al.)
 isosorbide mononitrate tablet / ER tablet (generic for Ismo®, Monoket®, Imdur®)
 Minitran® Patch
 nitroglycerin ER capsules / patches / spray / sublingual (generic for Nitro-Dur®, Minitran®, Nitrostat®, Nitrolingual®, Nitromist®)
 Nitrostat® SL Tablet

Non-Preferred

Dilatrate® SR Capsule
 Gonitro® Sublingual Powder (NR)
 Isordil® Tablet / Titradose Tablet
 Nitro-Bid® Ointment
 Nitro-Dur® Patch
 Nitrolingual® Spray
 Nitromist® Spray

CARDIOVASCULAR

DIHYDROPYRIDINE CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS

Preferred

Afeditab CR® Tablet (branded generic for Adalat CC®)

Non-Preferred

Adalat® CC Tablet

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amlodipine tablet (generic for Norvasc®)

felodipine ER tablet (generic for Plendil®)

CARDIOVASCULAR

DIHYDROPYRIDINE CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS (continued)

Nifedical® XL Tablet (branded generic for Procardia XL®)
nifedipine capsule (generic for Procardia®)
nifedipine ER tablet (generic for Adalat CC® / Procardia XL®)

isradipine capsule (generic for Dynacirc®)
nicardipine capsule (generic for Cardene®)
nimodipine capsule (generic for Nimotop®)
nisoldipine ER tablet (generic for Sular®)
Norvasc® Tablet
Nymalize® Solution
Procardia® Capsule / XL Tablet
Sular® Tablet

DIRECT RENIN INHIBITOR

Requires trial and failure of ACE Inhibitor unless contraindicated or adverse event, even when using a preferred product

Preferred

Non-Preferred

Tekturna® HCT Tablet
Tekturna® Tablet

ENDOTHELIN RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS

Preferred

Non-Preferred

Letairis® Tablet
Tracleer® Tablet

Opsumit® Tablet

INHALED PROSTACYCLIN ANALOGS

Preferred

Non-Preferred

Tyvaso® Refill Kit / Solution / Starter Kit
Ventavis® Solution

NIACIN DERIVATIVES

Preferred

Non-Preferred

Niaspan® ER Tablet

Niacor® Tablet
niacin ER tablet (generic for Niaspan®)

NITRATE COMBINATION

Preferred

Non-Preferred

Bidil® Tablet

NON-DIHYDROPYRIDINE CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS

Preferred

Non-Preferred

Calan® Tablet
Cartia XT® Capsule (branded generic for Cardizem CD®)
Dilt XR® Capsule (branded generic for Dilacor XR®)
diltiazem ER 24 hour capsule (generic for Dilacor XR®, Tiazac®)
diltiazem LA tablet (generic for Cardizem LA®)
diltiazem tablet / CD capsules / ER 12 hour capsule (generic for Cardizem® / CD / SR)
Taztia XT® Capsule (branded generic for Tiazac®)
verapamil tablet / ER tablet (generic for Calan® / SR)
Verelan® PM Capsule

Calan SR® Caplet
Cardizem CD® Capsule
Cardizem® LA Tablet
Cardizem® Tablet
Matzim® LA Tablet (generic for Cardizem LA®)
Tiazac® Capsule
verapamil ER capsules (generic for Verelan®)
verapamil PM capsule (generic for Verelan PM®)
Verelan® Capsule

ORAL PULMONARY HYPERTENSION

Preferred

Non-Preferred

Adcirca® Tablet
sildenafil (generic for Revatio®) tablet

Adempas® Tablet
Orenitram® ER Tablet
Revatio® Suspension / Tablet
Uptravi® Tablet

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CARDIOVASCULAR

PLATELET INHIBITORS

Preferred

Aggrenox® Capsule
Brilinta® Tablet
clopidogrel tablet (generic for Plavix®)
dipyridamole tablet (generic for Persantine®)
Effient® Tablet

Non-Preferred

aspirin/dipyridamole ER capsule (generic for Aggrenox®) (NR)
Durlaza® Capsule
Persantine® Tablet
Plavix® Tablet
ticlopidine tablet (generic for Ticlid®)
Yosprala® Tablet (NR)
Zontivity® Tablet

ANTIANGINAL & ANTI-ISCHEMIC

Preferred

Ranexa® Tablet

Non-Preferred

Corlanor® Tablet (NR)

CARDIOVASCULAR

SYMPATHOLYTICS AND COMBINATIONS

Preferred

Catapres®-TTS Patch
clonidine tablets (generic for Catapres®)
guanfacine tablet (generic for Tenex®)
methyldopa tablet (generic for Aldomet®)

Non-Preferred

Catapres® Tablet
clonidine patches (generic for Catapres®-TTS)
Clorpres® Tablet (branded generic for Combipres®)
methyldopa-HCTZ tablet (generic for Aldoril®)
methyldopate injection (generic for Aldomet® Injection)
reserpine tablet (generic for Serpalan®)
Tenex® Tablet

TRIGLYCERIDE LOWERING AGENTS

Preferred

gemfibrozil tablet (generic for Lopid®)
Tricor® Tablet
Trilipix® Capsule

Non-Preferred

Exemption for use of Lovaza® or generic in patients with triglycerides $\geq 500\text{mg/dl}$
Antara® Capsule
fenofibrate capsule / tablet (generic for Antara®, Lofibra®, Tricor®)
fenofibrate tablet (generic for Fenoglide®) (NR)
fenofibric acid capsule / tablet (generic for Fibracor®, Trilipix®)
Fenoglide® Tablet
Fibracor® Tablet
Lipofen® Capsule
Lofibra® Capsule / Tablet
Lopid® Tablet
Lovaza® Capsule
omega-3 acid ethyl esters capsule (generic for Lovaza®)
Triglide® Tablet
Vascepa® Capsule

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

ANTIMIGRAINE AGENTS

Quantity limits apply to triptans

Preferred

rizatriptan ODT (generic for Maxalt MLT®)
rizatriptan tablet (generic for Maxalt®)
sumatriptan cartridge / injection / nasal spray / refill / syringe / tablet / vial (generic for Imitrex®)

Non-Preferred

Alsuma® Auto-Injection
almotriptan tablet (generic for Axert®)
Amerge® Tablet
Axert® Tablet
Cambia® Powder Packet
frovatriptan tablet (generic for Frova®) (NR)
Frova® Tablet
Imitrex® Cartridges / Nasal Spray / Pen / Tablet / Vial

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ANTIMIGRAINE AGENTS

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Maxalt® Tablet / MLT Tablet
 Migranow® Kit (NR)
 naratriptan tablet (generic for Amerge®)
 Onzetra Xsail Nasal Powder® (NR)
 Relpax® Tablet
 Sumavel DosePro® Syringe
 Treximet® Tablet
 Zecuity® Transdermal (NR)
 Zembrace® SymTouch® (NR)
 zolmitriptan ODT / tablet (generic for Zomig®)
 Zomig® Nasal Spray / Tablet / ZMT Tablet

ANTINARCOLEPSY

Preferred

Non-Preferred

Clinical criteria apply

Provigil® Tablet

armodafinil tablet (generic for Nuvigil®) (NR)
 modafinil tablet (generic for Provigil®)
 Nuvigil® Tablet

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

ANTIPARKINSON AND RESTLESS LEG SYNDROME AGENTS

Preferred

Non-Preferred

benztropine tablet (generic for Cogentin®)
 bromocriptine tablet (generic for Parlodel®)
 carbidopa-levodopa ODT (generic for Parcopa®)
 carbidopa-levodopa tablet / ER tablet (generic for Sinemet® / CR)
 pramipexole tablet (generic for Mirapex®)
 ropinirole tablet (generic for Requip®)
 selegiline capsule / tablet (generic for Emsam®)
 trihexyphenidyl elixir / tablet (generic for Artane®)

Azilect® Tablet
 carbidopa tablet (generic for Lodosyn®)
 carbidopa-levodopa-entacapone tablet (generic for Stalevo®)
 Comtan® Tablet
 Duopa® Suspension
 entacapone tablet (generic for Comtan®)
 Horizant®
 Lodosyn® Tablet
 Mirapex® Tablet / ER Tablet
 Neupro® Patch
 Parlodel® Capsule / Tablet
 pramipexole ER tablet (generic for Mirapex ER®)
 rasagiline (generic for Azilect®) (NR)
 Requip® Tablet / XL Tablet
 ropinirole ER tablet (generic for Requip XL®)
 Rytary® ER Capsule
 Sinemet® Tablet / CR Tablet
 Stalevo® Tablet
 Tasmar® Tablet
 tolcapone tablet (generic for Tasmar®) (NR)
 Xadago® (NR)
 Zelapar® ODT

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Preferred

Non-Preferred

Avonex® Pack / Pen / Syringe
 Betaseron® Kit / Vial
 Copaxone® Syringe
 Gilenya® Capsule
 Rebif® Ribidose / Titration Pack / Syringe
 Tecfidera® Capsule / Starter Pack

Ampyra® Tablet
 Aubagio® Tablet
 Extavia® Kit / Vial
 Glatopa® Syringe
 Lemtrada® Vial
 Ocrevus® (NR)

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Plegridy® Pen / Pen Starter Pack / Syringe / Syringe Starter Pack
Zinbryta® Injection (NR)

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

SEDATIVE HYPNOTICS

Quantity limits apply

Preferred

estazolam tablet (generic for Prosom®)
flurazepam capsule (generic for Dalmane®)
temazepam 15mg, 30mg capsule (generic for Restoril®)
triazolam tablet (generic for Halcion®)
zolpidem tablet (generic for Ambien®)

Non-Preferred

Ambien® Tablet / CR Tablet
Belsomra® Tablet
Eduar® SL Tablet
eszopiclone tablet (generic for Lunesta®)
Halcion® Tablet
Hetlioz® Capsule
Intermezzo® SL Tablet
Lunesta® Tablet
Restoril® Capsule
Rozerem® Tablet
Silenor® Tablet
Sonata® Capsule
temazepam 7.5, 22.5 mg capsule (generic for Restoril®)
zaleplon capsule (generic for Sonata®)
zolpidem ER tablet (generic for Ambien® CR)
zolpidem SL tablet (generic for Intermezzo®) (NR)

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

SMOKING CESSATION

Preferred

Quantity limits of a 6 months supply per 12 months apply to Chantix

Buproban® Tablet (branded generic for Zyban®)
bupropion SR tablet (generic for Zyban®)
Chantix® Tablet / Starting Box / Continuation Month Box
Nicorelief® Gum
Nicorette® Gum / Lozenge
nicotine gum / lozenge / patch

Non-Preferred

Nicoderm® CQ Patch
Nicotrol® Inhaler / NS Spray
Zyban® SR Tablet

ENDOCRINOLOGY

GROWTH HORMONE

Clinical criteria apply

Preferred

Norditropin® Flexpro / Nordiflex
Nutropin® AQ Pen / Nuspin
Serostim® Vial

Non-Preferred

Genotropin® Cartridge / Miniquick
Humatrope® Cartridge / Vial
Omnitrope® Cartridge / Vial
Saizen® Click-Easy Cartridge / Vial
TevTropin® Vial
Zomacton® Vial
Zorbtive® Vial

HYPOGLYCEMICS - INJECTABLE

Rapid Acting Insulin

Preferred

Humalog® Kwikpen
Humalog® Vial
Novolog® Cartridge / Flexpen / Vial

Non-Preferred

Afrezza® Inhalation Powder
Apidra® Solostar / Vial
Humalog® Cartridge

Short Acting Insulin

Preferred

Non-Preferred

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Humulin® R Vial	Humulin R-U500 Kwikpen® (NR) Novolin® R Vial / Relion Vial
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ENDOCRINOLOGY

HYPOGLYCEMICS - INJECTABLE

Intermediate Acting Insulin

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Humulin® N Pen / Vial	Novolin® N Vial / Relion Vial

Long Acting Insulin

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Trial and Failure of only 1 Preferred required	

Lantus® Solostar / Vial Levemir® FlexTouch / FlexPen / Vial	Basaglar Kwikpen® (NR) Tresiba® Flextouch Toujeo® Solostar
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Premixed Rapid Combination Insulin

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Humalog® Mix 50/50 Kwikpen Humalog® Mix 75/25 Kwikpen Humalog® Mix 75/25 Vial Novolog® Mix 70/30 Flexpen / Vial	

Premixed 70/30 Combination Insulin

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Humulin® 70/30 Pen / Vial	Novolin® 70/30 Vial / Relion Vial

ENDOCRINOLOGY

HYPOGLYCEMICS - INJECTABLE (continued)

Amylin Analogs

Requires trial and failure or insufficient response to metformin containing products unless contraindication or adverse event even when using a preferred product

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Symlin® Pen Injector	

GLP-1 Receptor Agonists and Combinations

Requires trial and failure or insufficient response to metformin containing products unless contraindication or adverse event even when using a preferred product

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Byetta® Pen Bydureon® Pen / Vial Tanzeum® Pen Injector	Continuation of therapy requires documentation that clinical goals have been met Adlyxin® Injection (NR) Soliqua® Injection (NR) Trulicity® Pen Victoza® Pen Xultophy® Injection (NR)

HYPOGLYCEMICS - ORAL

2nd Generation Sulfonylureas

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Amaryl® Tablet Diabeta® Tablet glimepiride tablet (generic for Amaryl®) glipizide tablet / ER tablet (generic for Glucotrol® / XL) Glucotrol® Tablet / XL Tablet glyburide micronized tablet (generic for Micronase®, Glynase®) glyburide tablet (generic for Diabeta®) Glynase® Tablet	

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HYPOGLYCEMICS ORAL - (continued)

Alpha-Glucosidase Inhibitors

Preferred

acarbose tablet (generic for Precose®)
Glyset® Tablet

Non-Preferred

miglitol tablet (generic for Glyset®) (NR)
Precose® Tablet

HYPOGLYCEMICS ORAL

Biguanides and Combinations

Preferred

glipizide-metformin tablet (generic for Metaglip®)
glyburide-metformin tablet (generic for Glucovance®)
metformin tablet / ER tablet (generic for Glucophage® / ER)

Non-Preferred

Fortamet® Tablet
Glucophage® Tablet / ER Tablet
Glucovance® Tablet
Glumetza® Tablet
metformin ER tablet (generic for Fortamet®)
metformin ER tablet (generic for Glumetza®) (NR)
Riomet® Solution

DPP-IV Inhibitors and Combinations

Requires trial and failure or insufficient response to metformin containing products unless contraindication or adverse event even when using a preferred product

Preferred

Janumet® Tablet
Janumet® XR Tablet
Januvia® Tablet
Jentadueto® Tablet
Tradjenta® Tablet

Non-Preferred

alogliptin tablet (generic for Nesina®) (NR)
alogliptin-metformin tablet (generic for Kazano®) (NR)
alogliptin-pioglitazone tablet (generic for Orseni®) (NR)
Glyxambi® Tablet
Jentadueto® XR Tablet (NR)
Kazano® Tablet
Kombiglyze® XR Tablet
Nesina® Tablet
Onglyza® Tablet
Oseni® Tablet

HYPOGLYCEMICS - ORAL

Meglitinides

Preferred

nateglinide tablet (generic for Starlix®)
repaglinide tablet (generic for Prandin®)

Non-Preferred

Prandin® Tablet
Starlix® Tablet

Meglitinides Combinations

Preferred

Prandimet® Tablet

Non-Preferred

repaglinide-metformin tablet (generic for Prandimet®)

Sodium-Glucose Co-Transporter 2 (SGLT2) Inhibitor and Combinations

Requires trial and failure or insufficient response to metformin containing products unless contraindication or adverse event even when using a preferred product

Preferred

Invokamet® Tablet
Invokana® Tablet

Non-Preferred

Farxiga® Tablet
Invokamet® XR tablet (NR)
Jardiance® Tablet
Synjardy® Tablet
Synjardy® XR Tablet (NR)
Xigduo® XR Tablet

Thiazolidinediones and Combinations

Preferred

pioglitazone tablet (generic for Actos®)

Non-Preferred

ActoPlus Met® Tablet / XR Tablet
Actos® Tablet

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Avandamet® Tablet
Avandaryl® Tablet

ENDOCRINOLOGY

HYPOGLYCEMICS ORAL - (continued)

Thiazolidinediones and Combinations

Avandia® Tablet
Duetact® Tablet
pioglitazone-glimepiride tablet (generic for Duetact®)
pioglitazone-metformin tablet (generic for ActoPlus Met®)

GASTROINTESTINAL

ANTIEMETIC-ANTIVERTIGO AGENTS

Preferred

dimenhydrinate vial (generic for Dramamine®)
meclizine tablet (generic for Antivert®)
metoclopramide ODT / solution / tablet (generic for Reglan®)
ondansetron ODT / solution / tablet (generic for Zofran®)
prochlorperazine tablet (generic for Compazine®)
promethazine syrup / tablet (generic for Phenergan®)
Transderm-Scop® Patch

Clinical criteria apply

Emend® Capsule / Trifold Pack

Non-Preferred

Akynzeo® Capsule
Anzemet® Tablet / Vial
Cesamet® Capsule
dronabinol capsule (generic for Marinol®)
granisetron tablets (generic for Kytril®)
Marinol® Capsule
metoclopramide ODT (generic for Metozolv®) (NR)
Metozolv® ODT
Sancuso® patch
Sustol® Injection (NR) do we need this? Should be given by health provider)
trimethobenzamide capsule (generic for Tigan®)
Varubi® Tablet
Zofran® Solution / ODT / Tablet
Zuplenz® Soluble Film
aprepitant capsule/pack (generic for Emend®) (NR)
Emend® Powder Packet (NR)
Exemption for Diagnosis of Pregnancy
Diclegis® Tablet

Exemption for Diagnosis of Pregnancy

BILE ACID SALTS

Preferred

ursodiol capsule (generic for Actigall®)

Non-Preferred

Actigall® Capsule
Chenodal® Tablet
Cholbam® Capsule
Ocaliva® Tablet (NR)
Urso® Tablet / Forte Tablet
ursodiol tablet / forte tablet (generic for Urso® / Urso® Forte)

H. PYLORI COMBINATIONS

Preferred

lansoprazole-amoxicillin-clarithromycin pack (generic for Prevpac®)
Pylera® Capsule

Non-Preferred

Omeclamox-Pak® Combo Pack
Prevpac® Patient Pack

HISTAMINE-2 RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS

Preferred

famotidine tablet / suspension (generic for Pepcid®)
ranitidine capsule / syrup / tablet (generic for Zantac®)

Non-Preferred

cimetidine solution / tablet (generic for Tagamet®)
nizatidine capsule / solution (generic for Axid®)
Pepcid® Tablet / Suspension
Zantac® Tablet

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GASTROINTESTINAL

PANCREATIC ENZYMES

Preferred

Creon® Capsule
pancrelipase capsule (generic for Pancrease®)
Zenpep® Capsule

Non-Preferred

Pancrease® Capsule
Pertzye® Capsule
Ultresa® Capsule
Viokase® Tablet

GASTROINTESTINAL

PROGESTINS USED FOR CACHEXIA

Preferred

megestrol suspension / tablet (generic for Megace®)

Non-Preferred

Megace® Suspension / ES Suspension
megestrol ES suspension (generic for Megace® ES)

PROTON PUMP INHIBITORS

Preferred

Nexium® RX / OTC Capsule / Packet
omeprazole RX capsule (generic for Prilosec® RX)
pantoprazole tablet (generic for Protonix®)
Protonix® Suspension

Non-Preferred

Aciphex® Sprinkle Capsules / Tablets
Dexilant® Capsule
esomeprazole capsule (generic for Nexium® RX / OTC)
lansoprazole capsule (generic for Prevacid® RX / OTC)
omeprazole OTC capsule / tablet (generic for Prilosec® OTC)
omeprazole sodium bicarbonate capsule (generic for Zegerid® RX / OTC)
Prevacid® RX / OTC Capsule / Solutab
Prilosec® RX Capsule / Suspension
Protonix® Tablet
rabeprazole tablet (generic for Aciphex®)
Zegerid® RX / OTC Capsule / Packet

SELECTIVE CONSTIPATION AGENTS

Preferred

Amitiza® Capsule
Linzess® Capsule

Non-Preferred

alosetron tablet (generic for Lotronex® Tablet)
Lotronex® Tablet
Movantik® Tablet
Relistor® Syringe / Vial
Relistor® oral Tablet (NR)
Trulance® (NR)
Exemption for Irritable Bowel Syndrome with Diarrhea (IBS-D)
Viberzi® Tablet

GASTROINTESTINAL

ULCERATIVE COLITIS

Oral

Preferred

Apriso® Capsule
balsalazide capsule (generic for Colazal®)
sulfasalazine DR tablet (generic for Azulfidine® Entab)
sulfasalazine IR tablet (generic for Azulfidine®)
Sulfazine® (branded generic for Azulfidine®)

Non-Preferred

Asacol® HD Tablet
Azulfidine® Entab / Tablet
Colazal® Capsule
Delzicol® Capsule
Dipentum® Capsule
Giazo® Tablet
Lialda® Tablet
mesalamine tablet (generic for Asacol®HD) (NR)
Pentasa® Capsule
Uceris® Tablet

GASTROINTESTINAL

ULCERATIVE COLITIS

Rectal

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Preferred

Canasa® Suppository
mesalamine enema (generic for Rowasa® Enema)

Failure of only 1 preferred to obtain non-preferred medication

Non-Preferred

mesalamine kit (generic for Rowasa® Kit)
Rowasa® Kit
SFRowasa® Enema
Uceris® Rectal Foam

BENIGN PROSTATIC HYPERPLASIA TREATMENTS

Preferred

alfuzosin ER tablet (generic for Uroxatral®)
doxazosin tablet (generic for Cardura®)
finasteride tablet (generic for Proscar®)
tamsulosin capsule (generic for Flomax®)
terazosin capsule (generic for Hytrin®)
terazosin capsule (generic for Hytrin®)

Non-Preferred

Avodart® Softgel
Cardura® Tablet / XL Tablet
dutasteride/ tamsulosin capsule (generic Jalyn capsule®) (NR)
dutasteride capsule (generic Avodart®)
Flomax® Capsule
Jalyn® Capsule
Proscar® Tablet
Rapaflo® Capsule
Uroxatral® Tablet

Clinical Criteria Apply
Cialis® Tablet

ELECTROLYTE DEPLETERS

Preferred

calcium acetate capsule (generic for PhosLo®)
calcium acetate tablet (generic for Eliphos®)
Eliphos® Tablet
Renagel® Tablet
Renvela® Powder Pack

Non-Preferred

Auryxia® Tablet
Fosrenol® Chewable
Fosrenol® Powder Pack
Magnebind® 400 RX Tablet
PhosLo® Gelcap / Solution
Phoslyra® Solution
Renvela® Tablet
sevelamer tablet (generic for Renvela®)
sevelamer tablet powder pack (generic for Renvela®) (NR)
Velphoro® Chewable

GENITOURINARY/RENAL

URINARY ANTISPASMODICS

Preferred

oxybutynin syrup / tablet (generic for Ditropan®)
Toviaz® Tablet
Vesicare® Tablet

Non-Preferred

darifenacin er tablet (generic for Enablex®) (NR)
Detrol® Tablet / LA Capsule
Ditropan® XL Tablet
Enablex® Tablet
flavoxate tablet (generic for Urispas®)
Gelnique® Gel / Gel Sachets
Myrbetriq® Tablet
oxybutynin ER tablet (generic for Ditropan XL®)
Oxytrol® Patch
tolterodine tablet / ER capsule (generic for Detrol® / LA)
trospium tablet / ER capsule (generic for Sanctura® / XR)

GOUT

ANTIHYPERURICEMICS

Preferred

allopurinol tablet (generic for Zyloprim®)
colchicine tablet (generic for Colcrys®)
probenecid tablet (generic for Benemid®)

Non-Preferred

colchicine capsule (generic for Mitigare®)
Colcrys® Tablet
Mitigare® Capsule

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probenecid-colchicine tablet (generic for Col-Benemid®)	Uloric® Tablet Zyloprim® Tablet Zurampic® Tablet (NR)
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HEMATOLOGIC

ANTICOAGULANTS

Injectable

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Fragmin® Syringe / Vial Lovenox® Syringe / Vial	Arixtra® Syringe enoxaparin syringe / vial (generic for Lovenox®) fondaparinux syringe (generic for Arixtra®)

Oral

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Coumadin® Tablet Eliquis® Tablet Jantoven® (branded generic for Coumadin®) Pradaxa® Capsule Savaysa® Tablet warfarin tablet (generic for Coumadin®) Xarelto® Starter Pack / Tablet	

HEMATOPOIETIC AGENTS

Clinical criteria apply

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Aranesp® Syringe / Vial Procrit® Vial	Epogen® Vial Mircera® Syringe

THROMBOPOIESIS STIMULATING AGENTS

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Neumega® Vial Nplate® Vial Promacta® Tablet	

OPHTHALMIC

ALLERGIC CONJUNCTIVITIS AGENTS

Preferred	Non-Preferred
cromolyn sodium drops (generic for Crolom®) Pataday® Drops Pazeo® Drops	Alocril® Drops Alomide® Drops Alrex® Drops azelastine drops (generic for Optivar®) Bepreve® Drops Elestat® Drops Emadine® Drops epinastine drops (generic for Elestat®) Lastacafi® Drops olopatadine drops (generic for Patanol®) (NR) olopatadine drops (generic for Pataday®) (NR) Optivar® Drops Patanol® Drops

OPHTHALMIC

ANTIBIOTICS

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Azasite® Drops AK-Poly-Bac® Ointment (branded generic for Polysporin®)	bacitracin ointment (generic for AK-Tracin®) Besivance® Suspension

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bacitracin-polymyxin ointment (generic for Polysporin®) ciprofloxacin solution drops (generic for Ciloxan®) erythromycin ointment (generic for Ilotycin®) Gentak® Ointment (branded generic for Garamycin®) gentamicin drops / ointment (generic for Garamycin®) Moxeza® Drops neomycin-bacitracin-polymyxin ointment (generic for Neosporin® Ophthalmic Ointment) Neo-Polycin® (branded generic for Neosporin® Ophthalmic Ointment) neomycin-polymyxin-gramicidin drops (generic for Neosporin® Ophthalmic Drops) ofloxacin drops (generic for Ocuflox®) Polycin® Ointment (branded generic for Polysporin®) polymyxin-trimethoprim drops (generic for Polytrim®) sulfacetamide drops (generic for Bleph-10®) tobramycin drops (generic for Tobrex®) Vigamox® Drops	Bleph-10® Drops Ciloxan® Drops / Ointment Garamycin® Drops gatifloxacin drops (generic for Zymaxid®) Ilotycin® Ointment levofloxacin drops (generic for Quixin®) Natacyn® Drops Neosporin® Drops Ocuflox® Drops Polytrim® Drops sulfacetamide ointment (generic for Cetamide®) Tobrex® Ointment/ Drops Zymaxid® Drops
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ANTIBIOTICS-STEROID COMBINATIONS

Preferred	Non-Preferred
neomycin-polymyxin-dexamethasone drops / ointment (generic for Maxitrol®) Tobradex® Drops / Ointment	Blephamide® Drops / S.O.P. Ointment Maxitrol® Drops / Ointment Neo-Polycin® HC (branded generic for Cortisporin®) neomycin-bacitracin-polymyxin-HC ointment (generic for Cortisporin®) neomycin-polymyxin-HC drops / ointment (generic for Ocutricin®) Pred-G® S.O.P. Ointment / Suspension sulfacetamide-prednisolone drops (generic for Vasocidin®) Tobradex® ST Drops tobramycin-dexamethasone suspension (generic for Tobradex® Suspension) Zylet® Drops

OPHTHALMIC

ANTI INFLAMMATORY

Preferred	Non-Preferred
dexamethasone drops (generic for Decadron®) diclofenac drops (generic for Voltaren®) Durezol® Drops Flarex® Drops fluorometholone drops (generic for FML®) flurbiprofen drops (generic for Ocufen®) FML® Forte Drops / S.O.P. Ointment ketorolac solution (generic for Acular® / LS) Lotemax® Drops Maxidex® Drops Pred Mild® Drops prednisolone acetate drops (generic for Pred Forte®) prednisolone sodium phosphate drops (generic for Inflamase Forte®)	Acular® Drops / LS Solution Acuvail® Solution bromfenac drops (generic for Xibrom®) FML® Liquifilm Drops Ilevro® Drops Iluvien® Implant Lotemax® Gel / Ointment Nevanac® Droptainer Ocufen® Drops Omnipred® Drops Ozurdex® Implant Pred Forte® Drops Prolensa® Drops Retisert® Implant Triesence® Vial Vexol® Drops

OPHTHALMIC

GLAUCOMA

Alpha 2 Adrenergic Agents

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Alphagan® P Drops brimonidine drops (generic for Alphagan®)	apraclonidine drops (generic for Iopidine®) brimonidine P drops (generic for Alphagan® P) Iopidine® Drops

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Beta Blocker Agents

Preferred

carteolol drops (generic for Ocupress®)
 Combigan® Drops
 Istalol® Drops
 levobunolol drops (generic for Betagan®)
 timolol drops / GFS gel-solution / gel-solution (generic for Timoptic® / Timoptic XE®)

Non-Preferred

betaxolol drops (generic for Betoptic®)
 Betagan® Drops
 Betoptic® S Drops
 metipranolol drops (generic for OptiPranolol®)
 Timoptic® Drops / Ocudose Drops / XE Solution

Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibitors

Preferred

Azopt® Drops
 dorzolamide drops (generic for Trusopt®)
 dorzolamide-timolol drops (generic for Cosopt®)
 Simbrinza® Drops

Non-Preferred

Cosopt® Drops / PF Drops
 Trusopt® Drops

Prostaglandin Agonists

Preferred

latanoprost drops (generic for Xalatan®)
 Travatan® Z Drops

Non-Preferred

bimatoprost (generic for Lumigan® Drops)
 Lumigan® Drops
 travoprost drops (generic for Travatan®)
 Xalatan® Drops
 Zioptan® Drops

OSTEOPOROSIS

BONE RESORPTION SUPPRESSION AND RELATED AGENTS

Preferred

alendronate tablet (generic for Fosamax®)
 Fortical® Nasal Spray
 raloxifene tablet (generic for Evista®)

Non-Preferred

Actonel® Tablet
 alendronate solution (generic for Fosamax® Solution)
 Atelvia® Tablet
 Binosto® Effervescent Tablet
 Boniva® Tablet
 calcitonin salmon nasal spray (generic for Miacalcin®)
 etidronate tablet (generic for Didronel®)
 Evista® Tablet
 Forteo® Pen Injection
 Fosamax® Tablet / Plus D Tablet
 ibandronate tablet (generic for Boniva®)
 Miacalcin® Nasal Spray
 Prolia® Syringe
 risedronate tablet (generic for Actonel®)
 Tymlos® (NR)

OTIC

ANTIBIOTICS

Preferred

Ciprodex® Suspension
 neomycin-polymyxin-hydrocortisone solution / suspension (generic for Cortisporin®)

Non-Preferred

Cipro® HC Suspension
 ciprofloxacin solution (generic for Cetraxal®)
 Coly-Mycin® S Drops
 Cortisporin-TC® Suspension

OTIC

ANTIBIOTICS (continued)

ofloxacin drops (generic for Floxin®)
 Otiprio® Suspension (NR)
 Otovel® Drops (NR)

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ANTI-INFECTIVES AND ANESTHETICS

Preferred	Non-Preferred
acetic acid solution (generic for Vosol®) acetic acid-aluminum drops (generic for Domeboro®) antipyrine-benzocaine drops (generic for Auralgan®) Auroguard® Solution (branded generic for Auralgan®)	Acetasol HC® Drops (branded generic for Vosol® HC) acetic acid-hydrocortisone solution (generic for Vosol® HC) Otic Care® Solution Oto-End 10® Drops Otozin® Ear Drops Pinnacaine® Otic Drops

RESPIRATORY

BETA-ADRENERGIC HANDHELD, LONG ACTING

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Foradil® Aerolizer Capsule <No longer made after January, 2016> Serevent® Diskus	Arcapta® Neohaler Striverdi® Respimat Inhalation Spray

BETA-ADRENERGIC HANDHELD, SHORT ACTING

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Proair® HFA Inhaler Proventil® HFA Inhaler	Proair Respiclick® (NR) Ventolin® HFA Inhaler Xopenex® HFA Inhaler

BETA-ADRENERGIC NEBULIZERS

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Exemption for use of Accuneb/generic Accuneb in patients < 2 years old	
albuterol 0.63mg/3ml solution (generic for Accuneb®) albuterol 1.25mg/3ml solution (generic for Accuneb®) albuterol sulfate 2.5mg/0.5ml solution albuterol sulfate 2.5mg/3ml solution albuterol sulfate 5mg/ml solution	Brovana® Solution levalbuterol solution / concentrate solution (generic for Xopenex® / Concentrate) Perforomist® Solution Xopenex® Solution / Concentrate Solution

RESPIRATORY

BETA-ADRENERGIC - ORAL

Preferred	Non-Preferred
albuterol tablets (generic for Proventil® Repetabs) albuterol syrup (generic for Ventolin® Syrup) metaproterenol syrup (generic for Alupent® Syrup) terbutaline tablet (generic for Brethine®)	albuterol ER tablets (generic for VoSpire® ER) metaproterenol tablet (generic for Alupent® Tablet) VoSpire® ER Tablet

COPD AGENTS

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Failure of only Spiriva® required to obtain non-preferred medication	
Atrovent® HFA Inhaler Combivent® Respimat Inhalation Spray ipratropium nebulizer solution (generic for Atrovent® Nebulizer Solution) ipratropium-albuterol solution (generic for Duoneb®) Spiriva® Handihaler	Anoro® Eliпта Inhaler Bevespi® Aerosphere (NR) Daliresp® Tablet Incruse® Eliпта Inhaler Seebri® Neohaler Spiriva® Respimat Inhalation Spray 2.5mcg Stiolto® Respimat Inhalation Spray Tudorza® Pressair Inhaler Utibron® Neohaler Spiriva Respimat Inhalation Spray 1.25mcg ** Exemption from trial and failure of preferreds for Spiriva® Respimat 1.25mcg when used for Asthma, but must be used concurrently with an inhaled corticosteroid or inhaled corticosteroid/beta agonist combination**

RESPIRATORY

CORTICOSTEROIDS

Clinical criteria apply

Preferred	Non-Preferred
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Pulmicort® Respules 0.25mg, 0.5mg, 1mg
QVAR® Inhaler

Aerospan® Inhaler
Alvesco® Inhaler
Arnuity Elipta® Inhaler
Asmanex® HFA Inhaler
Asmanex® Twisthaler
budesonide suspension (generic for Pulmicort® Respules)
Flovent® Diskus / HFA Inhaler
Pulmicort® Flexhaler

CORTICOSTEROID COMBINATION

Clinical criteria apply

Preferred

Advair® Diskus / HFA Inhaler
Dulera® Inhaler
Symbicort® Inhaler

Non-Preferred

Breo Elipta®
AirDuo® (NR)
fluticasone/salmeterol (generic for AirDuo®) (NR)

INTRANASAL RHINITIS AGENTS

Preferred

Astepro® Nasal Spray
azelastine spray (generic for Astelin®)
fluticasone spray (generic for Flonase®)
ipratropium spray (generic for Atrovent® Nasal)
Nasonex® Nasal Spray
Patanase® Nasal Spray

Non-Preferred

Exemption for steroids applies to patients < 4 years old

Astelin® Nasal Spray
Atrovent® Spray
azelastine spray (generic for Astepro®)
Beconase® AQ spray
budesonide nasal spray (generic for Rhinocort® Aqua)
Dymista® Nasal Spray
Flonase® Nasal Spray (RX ONLY)
flunisolide spray (generic for Nasalide®)
mometasone nasal spray (generic for Nasonex®) (NR)
olopatadine nasal spray(generic for Patanase®)
Omnaris® Nasal Spray
QNasl® Nasal Spray / Children's Spray
Rhinocort® Aqua Nasal Spray
Ticanase nasal spray
triamcinolone nasal spray (generic for Nasacort® AQ)
Veramyst® Nasal Spray
Zetonna® Nasal Spray

RESPIRATORY

LEUKOTRIENE MODIFIERS

Preferred

Accolate® Tablet
montelukast chewable / granules / tablet (generic for Singulair®)
zafirlukast tablet (generic for Accolate®)

Non-Preferred

Singulair® Chewable / Granules / Tablet
Zileuton® (NR)
Zyflo® CR Tablet / Filmtab

LOW SEDATING ANTIHISTAMINES

Preferred

cetirizine OTC syrup 1mg/1ml (generic for Zyrtec OTC® Syrup)
cetirizine OTC tablets (generic for Zyrtec® OTC Tablets)
cetirizine RX syrup (generic for Zyrtec® Syrup)
loratadine OTC ODT / solution / tablet (generic for Claritin® OTC)

Non-Preferred

Exemption for use of Clarinex syrup in patients < 2 years old

Allegra® Allergy OTC Tablet
Allegra® Allergy Suspension OTC
cetirizine OTC chewable (generic for Zyrtec® OTC)
cetirizine OTC syrup 5mg/5ml (generic for Zyrtec® OTC Syrup)

RESPIRATORY

LOW SEDATING ANTIHISTAMINES (continued)

Claritin® Tablet OTC
desloratadine ODT / Tablet (generic for Clarinex®)
fexofenadine 60mg, 180 mg tablet (generic for Allegra®)

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fexofenadine OTC suspension / tablet (generic for Allegra® OTC)
levocetirizine solution / tablet (generic for Xyzal®)
Xyzal® Solution / Tablet
Zyrtec®

LOW SEDATING ANTIHISTAMINE COMBINATION

Quantity limits of 102 days supply per 12 months apply / PA required for class

Preferred

loratadine-D OTC tablet (generic for Claritin-D® OTC)

Non-Preferred

Allegra-D® 12 Hour OTC Tablet
Allegra-D® 24 Hour OTC Tablet
cetirizine-D OTC tablet (generic for Zyrtec-D® OTC)
Clarinex-D® Tablet
Claritin-D® 12 Hour OTC Tablet
Claritin-D® 24 Hour OTC Tablet
fexofenadine-D 12 Hour OTC Tablet (generic for Allegra-D® 12 Hour OTC)
Semprex-D® Capsule
Zyrtec-D OTC Tablet

TOPICALS

ACNE AGENTS

Preferred

Azelex® Cream
Benzaclin® Gel / Gel Pump
clindamycin phosphate gel / lotion / pledgets / solution (generic for Cleocin-T®)
Differin® Cream / Gel / Gel Pump / Lotion
Retin-A® Cream / Gel

Non-Preferred

Acne Clearing System
Acanya® Gel Pump
Aczone® Gel
adapalene cream / gel / gel pump (generic for Differin®)
Atralin® Gel
Avar® Cleanser / Cleansing Pads / LS Cleanser / LS Cleansing Pads
Avar-E® Emollient Cream / Green Emollient Cream / LS Cream
Avita® Cream / Gel
Benzamycin® Gel / Pak Gel
Benzefoam Ultra
Benzepro® Creamy Wash / Emollient Foam / Foam / Foaming Cloths
benzoyl peroxide cleanser / wash / foam / gel / kit / towlette (generic for Benzac®, et. al)
BP® 10-1 Wash / Cleansing Wash
Cleocin® T Gel / Lotion / Pledgets / Solution
Clindacin® ETZ Pledget / Kit / P Pledgets / PAC Kit
clindamycin phosphate foam (generic for Evoclin®)
clindamycin-benzoyl peroxide gel (generic for Benzaclin®, Duac®, Neucac®)
clindamycin/benzoyl peroxide with pump (generic for Benzaclin®) (NR)
clindamycin/tretinoin (generic for Veltin®) (NR)
Duac® Gel
Epiduo® Gel / Gel Pump/ Forte
Ery® Pads
Erygel® Gel
erythromycin gel / pledgets / solution (generic for Emcin®, Erycette®, EryDerm®, EryGel®, EryMax®, A/T/S®, T-Stat®)
erythromycin-benzoyl peroxide gel (generic for Benzamycin®)
Evoclin® Foam
Fabior® Foam
Inova® (4/1, 8/2)
Klaron® Lotion
Neucac® Gel / Kit

TOPICALS

ACNE AGENTS (continued)

Onexton® Gel / Gel Pump
Ovace® Plus Cleansing Gel / Plus Cream / Plus Lotion / Plus Shampoo / Wash
Promiseb® Complete

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	<p>Retin-A® / Micro Gel / Micro Pump Gel</p> <p>Rosula® Cloths / Wash</p> <p>Seb-Prev® Wash</p> <p>sodium sulfacetamide shampoo, wash (generic for Ovace® / Plus)</p> <p>sodium sulfacetamide cleanser / cream (generic for Avar® / LS)</p> <p>sodium sulfacetamide lotion (generic for Klaron®)</p> <p>sodium sulfacetamide sulfur cleanser / cloth (generic for Rosula®)</p> <p>sodium sulfacetamide sulfur kit / wash (generic for Sumadan®)</p> <p>sodium sulfacetamide sulfur lotion / suspension (generic for Novacet®, Plexion®, Zetacet®)</p> <p>sodium sulfacetamide sulfur pad / suspension / wash (generic for Suamxin®)</p> <p>SSS® 10-5 Cream / Foam</p> <p>sulfacetamide sulfur cream (generic for Avar® E, SSS® 10-5)</p> <p>Sulfacleanse® Suspension</p> <p>Sumadan® Kit / Wash / XLT Kit</p> <p>Sumaxin® Cleansing Pads / CP Kit / TS Topical Suspension / Wash</p> <p>tazarotene Cream (NR)</p>
	<p>Tazorac® Cream / Gel</p> <p>tretinoin microsphere gel / gel pump (generic for Retin-A® Micro)</p> <p>tretinoin cream / gel (generic for Retin-A®)</p> <p>Veltin® Gel</p> <p>Virti-Sulf® Emollient Cream</p> <p>Ziana® Gel</p>

TOPICALS

ANDROGENIC AGENTS

Preferred	Non-Preferred
<p>Androgel® Packet / Pump</p>	<p>Androderm® Patch</p> <p>Axiron® Actuation Solution</p> <p>Fortesta® Gel Pump</p> <p>Natesto® Nasal</p> <p>Testim® Gel</p> <p>testosterone gel (generic for Testim, Vogelxo®)</p> <p>testosterone gel packet / pump (generic for Androgel, Vogelxo®)</p> <p>testosterone gel pump (generic for Fortesta®)</p> <p>Vogelxo® Gel / Gel Packet / Gel Pump</p>

ANESTHETICS

Preferred	Non-Preferred
<p>Voltaren Gel®</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clinical Criteria apply to Lidoderm® and lidocaine patch</p> <p>diclofenac solution (generic for Pennsaid®)</p> <p>diclofenac topical gel (generic for Voltaren® Gel)</p> <p>Dermacin RX Lexitral (Topical)</p> <p>Flector® Patch</p> <p>lidocaine patch (generic for Lidoderm®)</p> <p>Lidoderm® Patch</p> <p>Pennsaid® Pump / Solution</p> <p>Qutenza® Kit</p>

ANTIBIOTIC

Preferred	Non-Preferred
<p>Bactroban® Cream</p> <p>gentamicin cream / ointment (generic for Garamycin®)</p> <p>mupirocin ointment (generic for Bactroban® Ointment)</p>	<p>Altanax® Ointment</p> <p>Bactroban® Ointment / Nasal Ointment</p> <p>Centany® AT Ointment Kit / Ointment</p> <p>mupirocin cream (generic for Bactroban® Cream)</p>

TOPICALS

ANTIBIOTIC - VAGINAL

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Preferred

Cleocin® Vaginal Ovules
clindamycin vaginal cream (generic for Cleocin® Vaginal Cream)
metronidazole vaginal gel (generic for Metrogel® Vaginal Gel)
Vandazole® Vaginal Gel

Non-Preferred

Cleocin® Vaginal Cream
Clindese® Vaginal Cream
Nuversa® Vaginal Gel
Metrogel® Vaginal Gel

TOPICALS

ANTIFUNGAL

Preferred

ciclopirox cream (generic for Loprox® Cream)
ciclopirox solution (generic for Penlac® Solution)
clotrimazole RX cream / solution (generic for Lotrimin® RX)
clotrimazole-betamethasone cream (generic for Lotrisone® cream)
ketoconazole cream / shampoo (generic for Nizoral®)
Nyamyc® Powder (branded generic for Nystop®)
nystatin cream / ointment / powder (generic for Mycostatin®, Nystop®)
Nystop® Powder

Non-Preferred

Clinical criteria apply to Vusion®

Bensal HP®
Ciclodan® Cream / Cream Kit / Kit / Solution
ciclopirox gel / shampoo / suspension (generic for Loprox®)
ciclopirox treatment kit (generic for Ciclodan® Kit)
clotrimazole-betamethasone lotion (generic for Lotrisone® lotion)
CNL® 8 Nail Kit
Dermacin® RX (NR)
econazole cream (generic for Spectazole®)
Ertaczo® Cream
Exelderm® Cream / Solution
Extina® Foam
Jublia® Topical Solution
Kerydin® Topical Solution
ketoconazole foam (generic for Extina® Foam)
Loprox® suspension/cream/kit (NR)
Loprox® Shampoo
Lotrisone® Cream
Luzu® Cream
Mentax® Cream
naftifine cream / gel (generic for Naftin® Cream / Gel)
Naftin® Cream / Gel
Nizoral® Shampoo
nystatin-triamcinolone cream / ointment (generic for Mycolog II®)
oxiconazole cream (generic for Oxistat®) (NR)
Oxistat® Cream / Lotion
Pediaderm AF® Kit
Penlac® Solution
Dermacin RX Therazole® PAK (NR)
Vusion® Ointment

ANTIPARASITICS

Preferred

Eurax® Cream
Natroba® Topical Suspension
permethrin cream (generic for Elimite®)
Sklice® Lotion

Non-Preferred

Failure of only one preferred required to obtain a non-preferred Medication

Elimite® Cream
Eurax® Lotion
lindane lotion / shampoo
malathion lotion (generic for Ovide®)
Ovide® Lotion
spinosad topical suspension (generic for Natroba®)
Ulesfia®

TOPICALS

ANTIVIRAL

Preferred

Zovirax® Cream

Non-Preferred

acyclovir ointment/ AG (generic for Zovirax® Ointment)
Denavir® Cream

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Xerese® Cream
Zovirax® Ointment

IMMUNOMODULATORS

Atopic Dermatitis

Clinical criteria apply

Preferred

Elidel® Cream

Non-Preferred

Dupixent® (NR)
Eucrisa 2%® Ointment (NR)
Protopic® Ointment
tacrolimus ointment (generic Protopic®)

Imidazoquinolinamines

Preferred

Aldara® Cream

Non-Preferred

imiquimod cream packet (generic for Aldara®)
Zyclara® Cream / Cream Pump

TOPICALS

PSORIASIS

Preferred

calcipotriene cream / ointment / solution (generic for Dovonex®)

Non-Preferred

calcipotriene-betamethasone ointment (generic for Talconex®)
Calcitrene® Ointment (branded generic for Dovonex®)
calcitriol ointment (generic for Vectical®)
Dovonex® Cream
Enstilar® Foam
Sorilux® Foam
Taclonex® Ointment / Suspension
Vectical® Ointment

ROSACEA AGENTS

Preferred

MetroGel®
MetroLotion®
metronidazole cream (generic for MetroCream®)
metronidazole lotion (generic for MetroLotion®)

Non-Preferred

Finacea® Gel
MetroCream®
metronidazole gel (generic for MetroGel®)
Mirvaso® Gel
Noritate® Cream
Rhofade® Cream (NR)
Rosadan® Cream / Gel / Kit
Soolantra® Cream

STEROIDS

Low Potency

Preferred

alclometasone dipropionate cream / ointment (generic for Aclovate®)
fluocinolone body / scalp oil (generic for Derma-Smoothe® FS Scalp / Body Oil)
DermaSmoothe® FS Scalp and Body Oil
desonide cream / ointment (generic for DesOwen®)
hydrocortisone cream / lotion / ointment (generic for Hytone®)
hydrocortisone in absorbase

Non-Preferred

Aqua Glycolic® HC Kit
Capex® Shampoo
Desonate® Gel
desonide lotion (generic for DesOwen® Lotion)
DesOwen® Lotion
Micort-HC Cream (NR)
Pediaderm® HC Kit / TA Kit
Texacort® Solution

TOPICALS

STEROIDS

Medium Potency

Preferred

fluticasone cream / ointment (generic for Cutivate®)

Non-Preferred

clocortolone cream / pump (generic for Cloderm®)

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mometasone cream / ointment / solution (generic for Elocon®)

Cloderm® Cream / Pump
 Cordran® Tape
 Cutivate® Cream / Lotion
 Dermatop® Cream / Emollient Cream / Ointment
 Elocon® Cream / Lotion / Ointment
 fluocinolone cream / ointment / solution (generic for Synalar®)
 flurandrenolide cream/lotion (generic for Cordran® SP cream and Cordran® lotion)(NR)
 flurandrenolide ointment (generic for Cordran® ointment)NR
 fluticasone lotion (generic for Cutivate® Lotion)
 hydrocortisone butyrate cream / lipid cream / ointment / solution (generic for Locoid®)
 hydrocortisone valerate cream / ointment (generic for Westcort®)
 Luxiq® Foam
 Pandel® Cream
 prednicarbate cream / ointment (generic for Dermatop®)
 Synalar® Cream / Ointment / Kit / Solution / TS Kit

TOPICALS

STEROIDS

High Potency

Preferred

betamethasone valerate cream / lotion / ointment (generic for Valisone®)
 fluocinonide cream / emollient cream / gel / solution (generic for Lidex® / Lidex® E)
 triamcinolone acetonide cream / lotion / ointment (generic for Kenalog®)

Non-Preferred

amcinonide cream / lotion / ointment (generic for Cyclocort®)
 betamethasone dipropionate augmented cream / gel / lotion / ointment (generic for Diprolene®)
 betamethasone dipropionate cream / lotion / ointment (generic for Diprosone®)
 betamethasone valerate foam (generic for Valisone®)
 desoximetasone cream / gel / ointment (generic for Topicort®)
 diflorasone cream / ointment (generic for Florone®)
 Diprolene® Lotion / Ointment / AF Cream
 Ellzia®
 fluocinonide ointment (generic for Lidex® Ointment)
 Halog® Cream / Ointment
 Kenalog® Spray
 Semivo® Spray (NR)
 Dermacin Silapak® (NR)
 Dermacin RX Silazone® (NR)
 Sanaderm®RX Solution(NR)
 Topicort® Cream / Gel / Ointment / Spray / LP
 triamcinolone spray (generic for Kenalog® Spray) (NR)
 Trianex® Ointment
 Vanos® Cream

TOPICALS

STEROIDS

Very High Potency

Preferred

clobetasol cream / emollient cream / gel / ointment (generic for Temovate®)
 clobetasol solution (generic for Cormax®)
 halobetasol propionate cream / ointment (generic for Ultravate®)

Non-Preferred

Apexicon E® Cream
 clobetasol foam / emulsion foam (generic for Olux® / Olux-E®)
 clobetasol lotion / shampoo (generic for Clobex®)
 clobetasol spray (generic for Clobex® spray)
 Clobex® Lotion / Shampoo / Spray
 Clodan® Kit / Shampoo

TOPICALS

STEROIDS

Very High Potency (continued)

Olux® Foam / E-Foam
 Temovate® Cream / Emollient Cream / Ointment
 Ultravate® Cream / Ointment / X Cream Combo Pack / X Ointment Combo Pack

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Ultravate® Lotion (NR)

MISCELLANEOUS

ANTIPSORIATICS, ORAL

Preferred

Methoxsalen Rapid (generic for Oxsoralen-Ultra®)
Soriatane®

Non-Preferred

Acitretin (generic for Soriatane®)
8-MOP®
Oxsoralen-Ultra®

EPINEPHRINE, SELF INJECTED

Preferred

Adrenaclick® Auto Injector
epinephrine auto injector (generic for Adrenaclick®)
epinephrine auto injector/JR (generic for Epi-Pen® Auto Injector / JR Auto Injector)

Non-Preferred

Auvi-Q® Auto Injector
Epi-Pen® Auto Injector / JR Auto Injector

ESTROGEN AGENTS, COMBINATIONS

Preferred

Activella® Tablet
estradiol/norethindrone tablet (generic for Activella®)
FemHRT® Tablet
Jinteli® (branded generic for FemHRT®)
Mimvey® / Lo (branded generic for Activella®)
norethindrone-ethinyl estradiol (generic for FemHRT®)
Prefest® Tablet
Premphase® Tablet
Prempro® Tablet

Non-Preferred

Lopreeza® Tablet

MISCELLANEOUS

ESTROGEN AGENTS, ORAL/TRANSDERMAL

Preferred

Cenestin® Tablet
Climara® Patch / Pro Patch
CombiPatch®
Enjuvia® Tablet
Estrace® Tablet
estradiol patch (generic for Climara®, Menostar®)
estradiol tablet (generic for Estrace®)
estropipate tablet (generic for Ogen®)
Evamist® Spray
Menest® Tablet
Premarin® Tablet
Vivelle-Dot® Patch

Non-Preferred

Alora® Patch
Divigel® Gel Packet
Duavee® Tablet
Elestrin® Gel
estradiol patch (generic for Vivelle-Dot®)
Menostar® Patch
Mini-Velle® Patch

ESTROGEN AGENTS, VAGINAL PREPARATIONS

Preferred

Estring® Vaginal Ring
Premarin® Vaginal Cream
Vagifem® Vaginal Tablet

Non-Preferred

Estrace® Cream
Femring® Vaginal Ring
Intrarosa® (NR)
Yuvaferm® (NR)

GLUCOCORTICOID STEROIDS, ORAL

Preferred

budesonide EC capsule (generic for Entocort® EC)
dexamethasone elixir / tablet (generic for Decadron®)
dexamethasone solution (generic for Concedix®)
hydrocortisone tablet (generic for Cortef®)

Non-Preferred

Cortef® Tablet
cortisone tablet (generic for Patisone®)
Dexamethasone Intensol® Drops
Dexpak® Tablet

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methylprednisolone 4mg dosepack / tablet (generic for Medrol®) Orapred® ODT prednisolone sodium phosphate solution (generic for PediaPred®, OraPred®, Veripred®) prednisolone solution (generic for Prelone®, Millipred®) prednisone dose pack (generic for Sterapred®) prednisone solution / tablet (generic for Deltasone®)	Entocort® EC Capsule Medrol® Dose Pack / Tablet methylprednisolone 8mg / 16mg / 32mg / tablet (generic for Medrol®) Millipred® Dose Pack / Tablet/ Solution PediaPred® Solution prednisolone ODT (generic for Orapred® ODT) Prednisone Intenso® Concentrated Solution Rayos® Tablet Veripred® Solution
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IMMUNOMODULATORS, SYSTEMIC

Clinical criteria apply

Trial and failure of only one preferred agent required

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Enbrel® Kit / Sureclick Syringe / Syringe Humira® Crohn's Starter Pack / Pediatric Crohn's Starter Pack / Pen / Psoriasis Starter Pack / Syringe	Actemra® Syringe / Vial Cimzia® Starter Kit / Syringe Kit / Vial Kit Cosentyx® Pen / Syringe Entyvio® Vial Kevzara® (NR) Orencia® SQ Syringe Orencia® SQ Clickjet (NR) Otezla® Starter Pack / Tablet Simponi® Aria Vial / Pen Injector / Syringe Stelara® Syringe Siliq® (NR) Taltz® Auto-injector/syringe(NR) Xeljanz® Tablet/ Xeljanz®XR <p style="text-align: center;">Exemption for Diagnosis of Neonatal Onset: Multi-System Inflammatory Disease</p> Kineret® Syringe

MISCELLANEOUS

IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Astagraf® XL Capsule Azasan® Tablet azathioprine tablet (generic for Imuran®) Cellcept® Capsule / Suspension / Tablet cyclosporine capsule / solution (generic for Sandimmune®) cyclosporine modified capsule / solution (generic for Gengraf®, Neoral®) Envarsus® XR Tablet Gengraf® Capsule / Solution Hecoria® Capsule Imuran® Tablet mycophenolate capsule / suspension / tablet (generic for Cellcept®) mycophenolic acid tablet (generic for Myfortic®) Myfortic® Tablet Neoral® Capsule / Solution Prograf® Capsule Rapamune® Solution / Tablet	(Empty)

MISCELLANEOUS

IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS (continued)

Sandimmune® Capsule / Solution sirolimus tablet (generic for Rapamune®) tacrolimus capsule (generic for Hecoria®, Prograf®) Zortress® Tablet	(Empty)
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OPIOID ANTAGONIST

Preferred

naloxone ampule / syringe / vial (generic for Narcan®)
naltrexone (oral)
Narcan® Nasal Spray
Vivitrol®

Non-Preferred

Evzio® Auto-Injector

OPIOID DEPENDENCE

Clinical criteria apply

Preferred

Suboxone® SL Film

Non-Preferred

Bunavail® Film
buprenorphine sl tablet (generic for Subutex®)
buprenorphine-naloxone sl tablet (generic for Suboxone®)
Zubsolv® Tablet SL

SKELETAL MUSCLE RELAXANTS

Preferred

baclofen tablet (generic for Lioresal®)
chlorzoxazone tablet (generic for Parafon Forte®)
cyclobenzaprine tablet (generic for Flexeril®)
methocarbamol tablet (generic for Robaxin®)
tizanidine tablet (generic for Zanaflex® Tablet)

Non-Preferred

Amrix® ER Capsule
carisoprodol tablet / compound tablet (generic for Soma® / Compound)
Dantrium® Capsule / Vial
dantrolene sodium capsule (generic for Dantrium®)
Fexmid® Tablet
Lorzone® Tablet
metaxalone tablet (generic for Skelaxin®)
orphenadrine citrate ampule / tablet / vial (generic for Norflex®)
Parafon® Forte Caplet
Robaxin® Tablet / Vial
Skelaxin® Tablet
Soma® Tablet
tizanidine capsules (generic for Zanaflex® Capsule)
Zanaflex® Capsule / Tablet

DIABETIC SUPPLIES

Roche Diagnostics Corporation is N.C. Medicaid's designated preferred manufacturer for glucose meters, diabetic test strips, control solutions, lancets, and lancing

Meters

ACCU-CHEK® Aviva Plus care kit
ACCU-CHEK® Compact Plus care kit
ACCU-CHEK® Nano SmartView care kit
ACCU-CHEK® Guide Retail care kit

Test Strips

ACCU-CHEK® AVIVA 50 ct test strips
ACCU-CHEK® AVIVA PLUS 50 ct test strips
ACCU-CHEK® SMARTVIEW 50 ct test strips
ACCU-CHEK® COMPACT Plus 51 ct test strips
ACCU-CHEK® Guide 50 ct test strips

Lancets

ACCU-CHEK® Multiclix 102 ct Lancets
ACCU-CHEK® Softclix 100 ct Lancets
ACCU-CHEK® Fastclix 102 ct Lancets

Lancing Devices

ACCU-CHEK® Softclix lancing device kit (Blue)
ACCU-CHEK® Softclix lancing device kit (Black)
ACCU-CHEK® Multiclix lancing device kit
ACCU-CHEK® Fastclix lancing device kit

Control Solutions

ACCU-CHEK® Aviva glucose control solution (2 levels)
ACCU-CHEK® Compact blue glucose control solution (2 levels)
ACCU-CHEK® Compact Plus clear glucose control solution (2 levels)
ACCU-CHEK® SmartView glucose control solution (1 level)
ACCU-CHEK® Guide 2-Level control solution (2-levels)