

North Carolina Division of Medical Assistance

North Carolina Medicaid and Health Choice

Preferred Drug List (PDL)

Effective September 1, 2017

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

ANALGESICS

NEUROPATHIC PAIN

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

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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

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

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

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Lamictal® Chewable / ODT / Starter Kit / Tablet / XR / XR Starter Kit / Tablet
 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

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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erythromycin es tablet (E.E.S® Filmtab)	
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Nitromidazoles

Preferred	Non-Preferred
metronidazole tablet (generic for Flagyl® Tablet) Vancocin® Capsule	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®) <b style="color: red;">Exemption for Diagnosis of Hepatic Encephalopathy Xifaxan® Tablet

Quinolones

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Avelox® Tablet Cipro® Suspension ciprofloxacin tablets (generic for Cipro®) levofloxacin tablet (generic for Levaquin® Tablet)	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	Non-Preferred
doxycycline hyclate capsule / tablet (generic for Vibramycin®, Vibra-Tab®) doxycycline monohydrate 50mg, 100mg capsule (generic for Monodox®) minocycline capsule (generic for Minocin®)	<b style="color: red;">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 <b style="color: red;">Exemption for doxycycline liquid in patients < 12 years old doxycycline suspension (generic for Vibramycin Suspension®) Vibramycin® Suspension / Syrup

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Antifungals

Preferred

clotrimazole troche (generic for Mycelex Troche®)
 fluconazole suspension / tablet (generic for Diflucan®)
 griseofulvin suspension (generic for Grifulvin V®)
 griseofulvin ultra tablets (generic for Gris-Peg®)
 Grifulvin V® Tablet
 nystatin suspension (generic for Nilstat® Suspension)

Non-Preferred

Ancobon® Capsule
 Cresemba® Capsule
 Diflucan® Suspension / Tablet
 flucytosine capsule (generic for Ancobon®)
 griseofulvin micro tablets (generic for Grifulvin V®)
 Gris-Peg® Tablet

ANTI-INFECTIVES-SYSTEMIC

ANTIBIOTICS

Antifungals (continued)

nystatin tablet (generic for Mycostatin®)
 terbinafine tablet (generic for Lamisil®)

itraconazole capsule (generic for Sporanox®)
 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

Baraclude® Solution / Suspension / Tablet
 Epivir® HBV Solution / Tablet
 Hepsera® Tablet
 Tyzeka® Tablet
 Viread® Powder / Tablet

Non-Preferred

adefovir tablet (generic for Hepsera®)
 entecavir tablet (generic for Baraclude®)
 lamivudine HBV tablet (generic for Epivir® HBV)
 Vemlidy® tablet (NR)

ANTIVIRALS

Hepatitis C Agents

Preferred

Copegus® Tablet
 Moderiba® Dosepack (branded generic for Ribasphere® Ribapak)
 Moderiba® Tablet (branded generic for Copegus®)
 Pegasys® Proclick / Syringe
 ribavirin capsule / tablet (generic for Copegus®, Rebetol®)

Non-Preferred

Pegasys® Vial
 Ribasphere® Ribapak
 Ribasphere® Capsule / Tablet (branded generic for Rebatrol)

Clinical criteria apply

Harvoni® Tablet
 Epclusa® Tablet (for genotype 2 and 3)
 Technivie® Dose Pack (for genotype 4)
 Viekira® Pak
 Viekira® XR Tablet
 Zepatier® Tablet

Daklinza® Tablet (for genotype 3)
(must request Sovaldi® in addition to Daklinza® with a separate PA)
 Epclusa® Tablet (for genotype 1,4,5 and 6)
 Olysio® Capsule
 Sovaldi® Tablet

Herpes Treatments

Preferred

acyclovir capsule / tablet (generic for Zovirax®)
 famciclovir tablet (generic for Famvir®)
 valacyclovir tablet (generic for Valtrex®)
 Zovirax® Suspension

Non-Preferred

acyclovir suspension (generic for Zovirax®)
 Famvir® Tablet
 Sitavig® Buccal Tablet
 Valtrex® Caplet
 Zovirax® Capsule / Tablet

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Influenza

Preferred

amantadine capsule / solution (generic for Symmetrel®)
rimantadine tablet (generic for Flumadine®)
Tamiflu® Capsule / Suspension

Non-Preferred

amantadine tablet (generic for Symmetrel®)
Relenza® Diskhaler

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

ANTIDEPRESSANTS

Other

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)

Non-Preferred

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

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®)

Non-Preferred

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

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

Non-Preferred

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®)

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guanfacine ER tablet (generic for Intuniv®) Kapvay® Tablet Metadate® CD Capsule / ER Tablet Methylin® Solution methylphenidate ER tablets	Dyanavel® XR Evekeo® Tablet Intuniv® Tablet methamphetamine tablet (generic for Desoxyn®) Methylin® Chewable methylphenidate CD capsules (generic for Metadate® CD)
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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
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ATYPICAL ANTIPSYCHOTICS

Injectable Long Acting

Trial and Failure of only 1 preferred required

Preferred	Non-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	Aristada® Syringe

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

ATYPICAL ANTIPSYCHOTICS

Oral

Trial and Failure of only 1 preferred required

Preferred	Non-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®)	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 / Zydis Tablet Abilify® Tablet aripiprazole ODT (generic for Abilify®)

CARDIOVASCULAR

ACE INHIBITORS

Preferred	Non-Preferred
benazepril tablet (generic for Lotensin®)	Accupril® Tablet <p style="text-align: center;">Exemption applies to children < 12 years old for Epaned® Solution</p>

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

Altace® Capsule
 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)

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Azor® Tablet
 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

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

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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 Titrados®e, 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 / Titrados®e Tablet
 Nitro-Bid® Ointment
 Nitro-Dur® Patch
 Nitrolingual® Spray
 Nitromist® Spray

CARDIOVASCULAR

DIHYDROPYRIDINE CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS

Preferred

Non-Preferred

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Afedintab CR® Tablet (branded generic for Adalat CC®) amlodipine tablet (generic for Norvasc®)	Adalat® CC Tablet felodipine ER tablet (generic for Plendil®)
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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
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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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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 Fibricor®, Trilipix®)
Fenoglide® Tablet
Fibricor® 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

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Imitrex® Cartridges / Nasal Spray / Pen / Tablet / Vial

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

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

Ampyra® Tablet
 Aubagio® Tablet
 Extavia® Kit / Vial
 Glatopa® Syringe
 Lemtrada® Vial

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Tecfidera® Capsule / Starter Pack

Ocrevus® (NR)

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

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

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	

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Lantus® Solostar / Vial Levemir® FlexTouch / FlexPen / Vial	Basaglar Kwikpen® (NR) Tresiba® Flextouch Toujeo® Solostar

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®)	

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Glynase® Tablet

ENDOCRINOLOGY

HYPOGLYCEMICS ORAL - (continued)

Alpha-Glucosidase Inhibitors

Preferred	Non-Preferred
acarbose tablet (generic for Precose®) Glyset® Tablet	miglitol tablet (generic for Glyset®) (NR) Precose® Tablet

HYPOGLYCEMICS ORAL

Biguanides and Combinations

Preferred	Non-Preferred
glipizide-metformin tablet (generic for Metaglip®) glyburide-metformin tablet (generic for Glucovance®) metformin tablet / ER tablet (generic for Glucophage® / ER)	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	Non-Preferred
Janumet® Tablet Janumet® XR Tablet Januvia® Tablet Jentadueto® Tablet Tradjenta® Tablet	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	Non-Preferred
nateglinide tablet (generic for Starlix®) repaglinide tablet (generic for Prandin®)	Prandin® Tablet Starlix® Tablet

Meglitinides Combinations

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Prandimet® Tablet	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	Non-Preferred
Invokamet® Tablet Invokana® Tablet	Farxiga® Tablet Invokamet® XR tablet (NR) Jardiance® Tablet Synjardy® Tablet Synjardy® XR Tablet (NR) Xigduo® XR Tablet

Thiazolidinediones and Combinations

Preferred	Non-Preferred
pioglitazone tablet (generic for Actos®)	ActoPlus Met® Tablet / XR Tablet

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Actos® Tablet
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)
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

Clinical criteria apply

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

Pancreaze® 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

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Rectal

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®)

Non-Preferred

colchicine capsule (generic for Mitigare®)
Colcrys® Tablet

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probenecid tablet(generic for Benemid®)
probenecid-colchicine tablet (generic for Col-Benemid®)

Mitigare® Capsule
Uloric® Tablet
Zyloprim® Tablet
Zurampic® Tablet (NR)

HEMATOLOGIC

ANTICOAGULANTS

Injectable

Preferred

Fragmin® Syringe / Vial
Lovenox® Syringe / Vial

Non-Preferred

Arixtra® Syringe
enoxaparin syringe / vial (generic for Lovenox®)
fondaparinux syringe (generic for Arixtra®)

Oral

Preferred

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

Non-Preferred

HEMATOPOIETIC AGENTS

Clinical criteria apply

Preferred

Aranesp® Syringe / Vial
Procrit® Vial

Non-Preferred

Epogen® Vial
Mircera® Syringe

THROMBOPOIESIS STIMULATING AGENTS

Preferred

Neumega® Vial
Nplate® Vial
Promacta® Tablet

Non-Preferred

OPHTHALMIC

ALLERGIC CONJUNCTIVITIS AGENTS

Preferred

cromolyn sodium drops (generic for Crolom®)
Pataday® Drops
Pazeo® Drops

Non-Preferred

Alocril® Drops
Alomide® Drops
Alrex® Drops
azelastine drops (generic for Optivar®)
Bepreve® Drops
Elestat® Drops
Emadine® Drops
epinastine drops (generic for Elestat®)
Lastacaft® Drops
olopatadine drops (generic for Patanol®) (NR)
olopatadine drops (generic for Pataday®) (NR)
Optivar® Drops
Patanol® Drops

OPHTHALMIC

ANTIBIOTICS

Preferred

Azasite® Drops

Non-Preferred

bacitracin ointment (generic for AK-Tracin®)

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AK-Poly-Bac® Ointment (branded generic for Polysporin®)
 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

Besivance® Suspension
 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

ANTIBIOTICS-STEROID COMBINATIONS

Preferred
 neomycin-polymyxin-dexamethasone drops / ointment (generic for Maxitrol®)
 Tobradex® Drops / Ointment

Non-Preferred
 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 Ocucricin®)
 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
 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 Inflammase Forte®)

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

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

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	Iopidine® Drops
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Beta Blocker Agents

Preferred	Non-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®)	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	Non-Preferred
Azopt® Drops dorzolamide drops (generic for Trusopt®) dorzolamide-timolol drops (generic for Cosopt®) Simbrinza® Drops	Cosopt® Drops / PF Drops Trusopt® Drops

Prostaglandin Agonists

Preferred	Non-Preferred
latanoprost drops (generic for Xalatan®) Travatan® Z Drops	bimatoprost (generic for Lumigan® Drops) Lumigan® Drops travoprost drops (generic for Travatan®) Xalatan® Drops Zioptan® Drops

OSTEOPOROSIS

BONE RESORPTION SUPPRESSION AND RELATED AGENTS

Preferred	Non-Preferred
alendronate tablet (generic for Fosamax®) Fortical® Nasal Spray raloxifene tablet (generic for Evista®)	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	Non-Preferred
Ciprodex® Suspension neomycin-polymyxin-hydrocortisone solution / suspension (generic for Cortisporin®)	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

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®)

Non-Preferred

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

Foradil® Aerolizer Capsule **<No longer made after January, 2016>**
Serevent® Diskus

Non-Preferred

Arcapta® Neohaler
Striverdi® Respimat Inhalation Spray

BETA-ADRENERGIC HANDHELD, SHORT ACTING

Preferred

Proair® HFA Inhaler
Proventil® HFA Inhaler

Non-Preferred

Proair Resplick® (NR)
Ventolin® HFA Inhaler
Xopenex® HFA Inhaler

BETA-ADRENERGIC NEBULIZERS

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

Non-Preferred

Brovana® Solution
levalbuterol solution / concentrate solution (generic for Xopenex® / Concentrate)
Perforomist® Solution
Xopenex® Solution / Concentrate Solution

RESPIRATORY

BETA-ADRENERGIC - ORAL

Preferred

albuterol tablets (generic for Proventil® Repetabs)
albuterol syrup (generic for Ventolin® Syrup)
metaproterenol syrup (generic for Alupent® Syrup)
terbutaline tablet (generic for Brethine®)

Non-Preferred

albuterol ER tablets (generic for VoSpire® ER)
metaproterenol tablet (generic for Alupent® Tablet)
VoSpire® ER Tablet

COPD AGENTS

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

Non-Preferred

Anoro® Elipta Inhaler
Bevespi® Aerosphere (NR)
Daliresp® Tablet
Incruse® Elipta 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

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Preferred

Pulmicort® Respules 0.25mg, 0.5mg, 1mg
QVAR® Inhaler

Non-Preferred

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®)

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	fexofenadine 60mg, 180 mg tablet (generic for Allegra®) fexofenadine OTC suspension / tablet (generic for Allegra® OTC) levocetirizine solution / tablet (generic for Xyzal®) Xyzal® Solution / Tablet Zyrtec®
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LOW SEDATING ANTIHISTAMINE COMBINATION
Quantity limits of 102 days supply per 12 months apply / PA required for class

Preferred	Non-Preferred
loratadine-D OTC tablet (generic for Claritin-D® OTC)	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	Non-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	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
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	<p>Promiseb® Complete</p> <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>Altabax® Ointment</p> <p>Bactroban® Ointment / Nasal Ointment</p> <p>Centany® AT Ointment Kit / Ointment</p> <p>mupirocin cream (generic for Bactroban® Cream)</p>

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ANTIBIOTIC - VAGINAL

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
Nuessa® 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)

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Denavir® Cream
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

Non-Preferred

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fluticasone cream / ointment (generic for Cutivate®) mometasone cream / ointment / solution (generic for Elocon®)	clocortolone cream / pump (generic for Cloderm®) 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
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TOPICALS

STEROIDS

High Potency

Preferred	Non-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®)	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 Sernivo® 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	Non-Preferred
clobetasol cream / emollient cream / gel / ointment (generic for Temovate®) clobetasol solution (generic for Cormax®) halobetasol propionate cream / ointment (generic for Ultravate®)	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
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Ultravate® Cream / Ointment / X Cream Combo Pack / X Ointment Combo Pack
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)
Yuvafem® (NR)

PROGESTATIONAL AGENTS

Preferred

Makena® (hydroxyprogesterone caproate injection)
Compounded 17 P

Non-Preferred

GLUCOCORTICOID STEROIDS, ORAL

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Preferred	Non-Preferred
budesonide EC capsule (generic for Entocort® EC) dexamethasone elixir / tablet (generic for Decadron®) dexamethasone solution (generic for Concedix®) hydrocortisone tablet (generic for Cortef®) 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®)	Cortef® Tablet cortisone tablet (generic for Patison®) Dexamethasone Intensol® Drops Dexpak® Tablet 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 Intensol® Concentrated Solution Rayos® Tablet Veripred® Solution

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	Non-Preferred immunosuppressants (None listed in this section)

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

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® Softclicx 100 ct Lancets

Lancing Devices

ACCU-CHEK® Softclicx lancing device kit (Blue)
ACCU-CHEK® Softclicx lancing device kit (Black)
ACCU-CHEK® Multiclix lancing device kit
ACCU-CHEK® Fastclicx 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)

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ACCU-CHEK® Fastclix 102 ct Lancets