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**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**

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®)  
 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  
 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

**ANALGESICS**

**NARCOTIC ANALGESICS (Continued)**

**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)  
 morphine solution / tablet (generic for MSIR®)  
 oxycodone concentrated solution (generic for Roxicodone® Intensol)  
 oxycodone solution / tablet (generic for Roxicodone®)  
 oxycodone-acetaminophen capsules (generic for Tylox®)  
 oxycodone-acetaminophen tablets (generic for Percocet®)  
 Xylon® (branded generic for Repraxin®)

**Non-Preferred**

codeine sulfate solution / tablet  
 Demerol® Tablet  
 Dilaudid® Liquid / Tablet  
 Endodan® Tablet (branded generic for Percodan®)  
 Hycet® Solution  
 hydromorphone solution / suppository (generic for Dilaudid®)  
 Ibudone® Tablet  
 Lazanda® Nasal Spray  
 levorphanol tablet (generic for Levo-Dromoran®)  
 Lorcet® Tablet / HD Tablet / Plus Tablet  
 Lortab® Tablet  
 meperidine solution / tablet (generic for Demerol®)  
 Meperitab® tablet (branded generic for Demerol®)  
 morphine suppositories (generic for Roxanol®)

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Norco® Tablet  
 Nucynta® Tablet  
 Opana® Tablet  
 Oxecta® Tablet  
 oxycodone-aspirin tablet (generic for Endodan®, Percodan®)  
 oxycodone-ibuprofen tablet (generic for Combunox®)  
 oxymorphone tablet (generic for Opana®)  
 oxycodone capsule (generic for OxyIR®)  
 Percocet® Tablet  
 Percodan® Tablet  
 Primlev® Tablet  
 Reprexain® Tablet  
 Roxicet® Solution  
 Roxicodone® Tablet  
 Vicodin® Tablet / ES Tablet / HP Tablet  
 Vicoprofen® Tablet  
 Xodol® Tablet  
 Zamicet® Solution

**ANALGESICS**

**NARCOTIC ANALGESICS (Continued)**

**Short Acting Schedule III – IV Analgesic Combinations**

**Preferred**

codeine-acetaminophen solution / tablet (generic for Tylenol with Codeine®)  
 tramadol tablet (generic for Ultram®)  
 tramadol-acetaminophen tablet (generic for Ultracet®)

**Non-Preferred**

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

**ANALGESICS**

**NSAIDS**

**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®)

**Non-Preferred**

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®)  
 ketoprofen capsule (generic for Orudis®)  
 ketoprofen ER capsule (generic for Oruvail®)  
 meclofenamate capsule (generic for Meclomen®)  
 mefenamic acid capsule (generic for Ponstel®)

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<p><b>Preferred</b></p> <p><b>Clinical criteria apply to Brand and Generic</b></p> <p>Celebrex® Capsule</p>	<p>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> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Exemption for Children Under 12</b></p> <p>meloxicam suspension (generic for Mobic® Oral Suspension)                  Mobic® Suspension</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Non-Preferred</b></p> <p>celecoxib capsule (generic for Celebrex®)                  Duexis® Tablet                  Vimovo® Tablet</p>
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**ANTICONVULSANTS**

**CARBAMAZEPINE DERIVATIVES**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Preferred</b></p> <p>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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Non-Preferred</b></p> <p>carbamazepine suspension / tablet (generic for Tegretol®)                  carbamazepine XR tablet (generic for Tegretol XR®)                  Epitol® Tablet                  oxcarbazepine suspension- (generic for Trileptal®)                  Trileptal® Tablet (oral)</p>
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**FIRST GENERATION**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Preferred</b></p> <p>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®)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Non-Preferred</b></p> <p>Depakote® ER Tablet / Sprinkle Capsule                  Felbatol® Suspension / Tablet                  Valproate Syrup (oral)</p>
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Zarontin® Capsule / Solution

**ANTICONVULSANTS**

**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  
clonazepam ODT (generic for Klonopin® Wafer)  
diazepam rectal / system (generic for Diastat® Accudial / Pedi System)  
Fycompa® Tablet / Kit  
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  
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®)  
Topamax® Sprinkle Capsule / Tablet  
topiramate ER capsule (generic for Qudexy®)  
Trokendi® XR Capsule  
Vimpat® Solution / Starter Kit / Tablet  
Zonegran® Capsule

**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®)  
cephalexin 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

**ANTI-INFECTIVES-SYSTEMIC**

**ANTIBIOTICS (Continued)**

**Macrolides and Ketolides**

**(generic for Zyvox®)**

azithromycin powder packet / suspension / tablet (generic for Zithromax®)

**Non-Preferred**

Biaxin® Suspension / Tablet

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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)	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	Non-Preferred
metronidazole tablet (generic for Flagyl® Tablet) Vancocin® Capsule	Alinia® Suspension / Tablet Difcid® Tablet Flagyl® Capsule / ER Tablet/ Tablet metronidazole capsule (generic for Flagyl® Capsule) neomycin tablet (generic for Mycifradin®) paromomycin capsule (generic for Humatin®) Tindamax® Tablet tinidazole tablet (generic for Tindamax®) vancomycin capsule (generic for Vancocin®)  <b>Exemption for Diagnosis of Hepatic Encephalopathy</b> 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 (Continued)

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>Clinical justification required and failure of doxycycline and minocycline. Solodyn ER® limited to 12 week supply.</b> Adoxa® Capsule demeclocycline tablet (generic for Declomycin®) Doryx® DR Tablet doxycycline hyclate DR tablet (generic for Doryx DR®) doxycycline monohydrate 75mg, 150mg capsule (generic for Monodox®, Adoxa®) 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>Exemption for doxycycline liquid in patients &lt; 12 years old</b> doxycycline suspension (generic for Vibramycin Suspension®) Vibramycin® Suspension / Syrup

Antifungals

Preferred	Non-Preferred
clotrimazole troche (generic for Mycelex Troche®) fluconazole suspension / tablet (generic for Diflucan®) griseofulvin suspension (generic for Grifulvin V®)	Ancobon® Capsule Cresemba® Capsule Diflucan® Suspension / Tablet

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griseofulvin ultra tablets (generic for Gris-Peg®) Grifulvin V® Tablet nystatin suspension (generic for Nilstat® Suspension) nystatin tablet (generic for Mycostatin®) terbinafine tablet (generic for Lamisil®)	flucytosine capsule (generic for Ancobon®) griseofulvin micro tablets (generic for Grifulvin V®) Gris-Peg® Tablet 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®)
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ANTIVIRALS

Hepatitis B Agents

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

ANTI-INFECTIVES-SYSTEMIC

ANTIVIRALS (Continued)

Hepatitis C Agents

Preferred	Non-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®)	Pegasys® Vial Ribasphere® Ribapak Ribasphere® Capsule / Tablet (branded generic for Rebatrol)
<b>Clinical criteria apply</b>	
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) <b>(must request Sovaldi® in addition to Daklinza® with a separate PA)</b> Epclusa® Tablet (for genotype 1,4,5 and 6) Olysio® Capsule Sovaldi® Tablet

Herpes Treatments

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

Influenza

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®)	Aplenzin® Tablet Trintellix® Tablet Cymbalta® Capsule

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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)	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
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**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

**ANTIDEPRESSANTS (Continued)**

**Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor (SSRI)**

<b>Preferred</b>	<b>Non-Preferred</b>
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®)	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**

<b>Preferred</b>	<b>Non-Preferred</b>
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®) Kapvay® Tablet Metadate® CD Capsule / ER Tablet Methylin® Solution methylphenidate ER tablets - Actavis (generic for Concerta®) methylphenidate ER tablets - Kreamer Urban (NOT EQUIVALENT to Concerta®) 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	Adderall® Tablet <b>&lt;GENERIC PRODUCT PER FDA&gt;</b> amphetamine salt combo XR capsules (generic for Adderall XR) Aptensio® XR Concerta® Tablet Dexedrine® Tablet / Spansules dexamethylphenidate tablet / ER capsules (generic for Focalin® / XR) dextroamphetamine solution (generic for ProCentra®) Dyanavel® XR Evekeo® Tablet Intuniv® Tablet methamphetamine tablet (generic for Desoxyn®) Methylin® Chewable methylphenidate CD capsules (generic for Metadate® CD) methylphenidate chewable / solution (generic for Methylin®) methylphenidate LA capsules (generic for Ritalin® LA) ProCentra® Solution Quillchew® ER Oral Zenedi® Tablet

**ATYPICAL ANTIPSYCHOTICS**

**Injectable Long Acting**

**Trial and Failure of only 1 preferred required**

<b>Preferred</b>	<b>Non-Preferred</b>
Abilify Maintena® Syringe / Vial	Aristada® Syringe

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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

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

**ATYPICAL ANTIPSYCHOTICS**

Oral

**Trial and Failure of only 1 preferred required**

**Preferred**

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  
 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  
 Zyprexa® Tablet / Zydis Tablet

**Effective 10/01/2016- 12/31/2016**

Abilify® Discmelt / Solution / Tablet  
 aripiprazole Tablet (generic for Abilify® Tablet)

aripiprazole Solution / ODT (generic for Abilify®)

**Effective 01/01/2017**

Abilify® Discmelt / Solution  
 aripiprazole Tablet (generic for Abilify® Tablet)

Abilify® Tablet  
 aripiprazole Solution / ODT (generic for Abilify®)

**CARDIOVASCULAR**

**ACE INHIBITORS**

**Preferred**

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

**Non-Preferred**

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

Accupril® Tablet  
 Altace® Capsule  
 captopril tablet (generic for Capoten®)  
 Epaned® Solution  
 fosinopril tablet (generic for Monopril®)  
 Lotensin® Tablet  
 Mavik® Tablet  
 moexipril tablet (generic for Univasc®)  
 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)

**Non-Preferred**

Accuretic® Tablet



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enalapril-HCTZ tablet (generic for Vasertic®)

lisinopril-HCTZ tablet (generic for Prinzide®, Zestoretic®)

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®)

Vasertic® Tablet

Zestoretic® Tablet

**CARDIOVASCULAR**

**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-valsartan tablet (generic for Exforge®)

amlodipine-valsartan-HCTZ tablet (generic for Exforge® HCT)

Azor® Tablet

Prestalia®

telmisartan-amlodipine tablet (generic for Twynsta®)

Tribenzor® Tablet

Twynsta® Tablet

**ANGIOTENSIN II RECEPTOR BLOCKER DIURETIC COMBINATIONS**

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**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)

**Non-Preferred**

Cordarone® Tablet

Multaq® Tablet

Norpace® Capsule / CR Capsule

Pacerone® Tablet

propafenone SR capsule (generic for Rythmol SR®)

quinidine gluconate tablet (generic for Quinaglute DuraTabs®)

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Rythmol SR® Capsule

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

**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

**CARDIOVASCULAR**

**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  
 fluvastatin capsule / ER tablet (generic for Lescol® / XL)  
 Lescol® Capsule / XL Tablet  
 Lipitor® Tablet  
 Livalo® Tablet  
 Pravachol® Tablet  
 Vytorin® Tablet  
 Zetia® Tablet  
 Zocor® Tablet

**Clinical criteria apply**

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	Juxtapid® Capsule Kynamro® Syringe
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CORONARY VASODILATORS

Preferred	Non-Preferred
isosorbide dinitrate tablet / ER (generic for Isordil Titradoso®, IsoDitrato®, 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	Dilatrate® SR Capsule Isordil® Tablet / Titradoso Tablet Nitro-Bid® Ointment Nitro-Dur® Patch Nitrolingual® Spray Nitromist® Spray

DIHYDROPYRIDINE CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Afeditab CR® Tablet (branded generic for Adalat CC®) amlodipine tablet (generic for Norvasc®) Nifedical® XL Tablet (branded generic for Procardia XL®) nifedipine capsule (generic for Procardia®) nifedipine ER tablet (generic for Adalat CC® / Procardia XL®)	Adalat® CC Tablet felodipine ER tablet (generic for Plendil®) 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

CARDIOVASCULAR

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)	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®)

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Verelan® PM Capsule

Verelan® Capsule

ORAL PULMONARY HYPERTENSION

**Preferred**

Adcirca® Tablet  
 sildenafil (generic for Revatio®) tablet

**Non-Preferred**

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

PLATELET INHIBITORS

**Preferred**

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

**Non-Preferred**

Durlaza® Capsule  
 Persantine® Tablet  
 Plavix® Tablet  
 ticlopidine tablet (generic for Ticlid®)  
 Zontivity® Tablet

RANEXA

**Preferred**

Ranexa® Tablet

**Non-Preferred**

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 ≥500mg/dl**  
 Antara® Capsule  
 fenofibrate capsule / tablet (generic for Antara®, Lofibra®, Tricor®)  
 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  
 Frova® Tablet  
 Imitrex® Cartridges / Nasal Spray / Pen / Tablet / Vial  
 Maxalt® Tablet / MLT Tablet  
 naratriptan tablet (generic for Amerge®)

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Relpax® Tablet  
Sumavel DosePro® Syringe  
Treximet® Tablet  
zolmitriptan ODT / tablet (generic for Zomig®)  
Zomig® Nasal Spray / Tablet / ZMT Tablet

ANTINARCOLEPSY

**Preferred**

**Non-Preferred**

**Clinical criteria apply**

Provigil® Tablet

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 Lododyn®)  
carbidopa-levodopa-entacapone tablet (generic for Stalevo®)  
Comtan® Tablet  
Duopa® Suspension  
entacapone tablet (generic for Comtan®)  
Horizant®  
Lododyn® Tablet  
Mirapex® Tablet / ER Tablet  
Neupro® Patch  
Parlodel® Capsule / Tablet  
pramipexole ER tablet (generic for Mirapex ER®)  
Requip® Tablet / XL Tablet  
ropinirole ER tablet (generic for Requip XL®)  
Rytary® ER Capsule  
Sinemet® Tablet / CR Tablet  
Stalevo® Tablet  
Tasmar® Tablet  
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  
Plegridy® Pen / Pen Starter Pack / Syringe / Syringe Starter Pack

SEDATIVE HYPNOTICS

**Quantity limits apply**

**Preferred**

**Non-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®)

Ambien® Tablet / CR Tablet  
Belsomra® Tablet  
Edluar® SL Tablet  
eszopiclone tablet (generic for Lunesta®)  
Halcion® Tablet  
Hetlitz® 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)

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**CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM**

SMOKING CESSATION

**Preferred**

**Non-Preferred**

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

Bupropion SR tablet (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

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

**ENDOCRINOLOGY**

GROWTH HORMONE

**Clinical criteria apply**

**Preferred**

**Non-Preferred**

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

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**

**Non-Preferred**

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

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

Short Acting Insulin

**Preferred**

**Non-Preferred**

Humulin® R Vial

Novolin® R Vial / Relion Vial

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

Tresiba®  
 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**

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<b>Preferred</b>	<b>Non-Preferred</b>
Symlin® Pen Injector	

GLP-1 Receptor Agonists

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

<b>Preferred</b>	<b>Non-Preferred</b>
Byetta® Pen Bydureon® Pen / Vial Tanzeum® Pen Injector	<b>Continuation of therapy requires documentation that clinical goals have been met</b> Trulicity® Pen Victoza® Pen

HYPOGLYCEMICS - ORAL

2nd Generation Sulfonylureas

<b>Preferred</b>	<b>Non-Preferred</b>
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	

Alpha-Glucosidase Inhibitors

<b>Preferred</b>	<b>Non-Preferred</b>
acarbose tablet (generic for Precose®) Glyset® Tablet	Precose® Tablet

Biguanides and Combinations

<b>Preferred</b>	<b>Non-Preferred</b>
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®) 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**

<b>Preferred</b>	<b>Non-Preferred</b>
Janumet® Tablet Janumet® XR Tablet Januvia® Tablet Jentadueto® Tablet Tradjenta® Tablet	Glyxambi® Tablet Kazano® Tablet Kombiglyze® XR Tablet Nesina® Tablet Onglyza® Tablet Oseni® Tablet

**ENDOCRINOLOGY**

HYPOGLYCEMICS - ORAL (continued)

Meglitinides

<b>Preferred</b>	<b>Non-Preferred</b>
nateglinide tablet (generic for Starlix®) repaglinide tablet (generic for Prandin®)	Prandin® Tablet Starlix® Tablet

Meglitinides Combinations

<b>Preferred</b>	<b>Non-Preferred</b>
Prandimet® Tablet	repaglinide-metformin tablet (generic for Prandimet®)

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

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**Preferred**

Invokamet® Tablet  
 Invokana® Tablet

**Non-Preferred**

Farxiga® Tablet  
 Jardiance® Tablet  
 Synjardy® Tablet  
 Xigduo® XR Tablet

**Thiazolidinediones and Combinations**

**Preferred**

pioglitazone tablet (generic for Actos®)

**Non-Preferred**

ActoPlus Met® Tablet / XR Tablet  
 Actos® Tablet  
 Avandamet® Tablet  
 Avandaryl® Tablet  
 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  
 Metozolv® ODT  
 Sancuso® patch  
 trimethobenzamide capsule (generic for Tigan®)  
 Varubi® Tablet  
 Zofran® Solution / ODT / Tablet  
 Zuplenz® Soluble Film

**Exemption for Diagnosis of Pregnancy**

Diclegis® Tablet

**BILE ACID SALTS**

**Preferred**

ursodiol capsule (generic for Actigall®)

**Non-Preferred**

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

**GASTROINTESTINAL**

**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

**PANCREATIC ENZYMES**

**Preferred**

**Non-Preferred**



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Creon® Capsule pancrelipase capsule (generic for Pancrease®) Zenpep® Capsule	Pancreaze® Capsule Pertzye® Capsule Ultresa® Capsule Viokase® Tablet
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PROGESTINS USED FOR CACHEXIA

<b>Preferred</b>	<b>Non-Preferred</b>
megestrol suspension / tablet (generic for Megace®)	Megace® Suspension / ES Suspension megestrol ES suspension (generic for Megace® ES)

PROTON PUMP INHIBITORS

<b>Preferred</b>	<b>Non-Preferred</b>
Nexium® RX / OTC Capsule / Packet omeprazole RX capsule (generic for Prilosec® RX) pantoprazole tablet (generic for Protonix®) Protonix® Suspension	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

<b>Preferred</b>	<b>Non-Preferred</b>
Amitiza® Capsule Linzess® Capsule	alosetron tablet (generic for Lotronex® Tablet) Lotronex® Tablet Movantik® Tablet Relistor® Syringe / Vial <b>Exemption for Irritable Bowel Syndrome with Diarrhea (IBS-D)</b> Viberzi® Tablet

GASTROINTESTINAL

ULCERATIVE COLITIS

Oral

<b>Preferred</b>	<b>Non-Preferred</b>
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®)	Asacol® HD Tablet Azulfidine® Entab / Tablet Colazal® Capsule Delzicol® Capsule Dipentum® Capsule Giazo® Tablet Lialda® Tablet Pentasa® Capsule Uceris® Tablet

Rectal

<b>Preferred</b>	<b>Non-Preferred</b>
Canasa® Suppository mesalamine enema (generic for Rowasa® Enema)	<b>Failure of only 1 preferred to obtain non-preferred medication</b> mesalamine kit (generic for Rowasa® Kit) Rowasa® Kit SFRowasa® Enema Uceris® Rectal Foam

BENIGN PROSTATIC HYPERPLASIA TREATMENTS

<b>Preferred</b>	<b>Non-Preferred</b>
alfuzosin ER tablet (generic for Uroxatral®) doxazosin tablet (generic for Cardura®) finasteride tablet (generic for Proscar®) tamsulosin capsule (generic for Flomax®)	Avodart® Softgel Cardura® Tablet / XL Tablet dutasteride capsule (generic Avodart®) Flomax® Capsule

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terazosin capsule (generic for Hytrin®)

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

**Non-Preferred**

**Exemption for use of Renvela Powder Pack in patients < 12 years old.**

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

**GENITOURINARY/RENAL**

**URINARY ANTISPASMODICS**

**Preferred**

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

**Non-Preferred**

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

**Non-Preferred**

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

**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**

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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  
 Optivar® Drops  
 Patanol® Drops

ANTIBIOTICS

**Preferred**

Azasite® Drops  
 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

**Non-Preferred**

bacitracin ointment (generic for AK-Tracin®)  
 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 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

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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 Inflammase 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

**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

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

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ibandronate tablet (generic for Boniva®)  
 Miacalcin® Nasal Spray  
 Prolia® Syringe  
 risedronate tablet (generic for Actonel®)

**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  
 ofloxacin drops (generic for Floxin®)

**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**

Ventolin® HFA Inhaler  
 Xopenex® HFA Inhaler

**BETA-ADRENERGIC NEBULIZERS**

**Preferred**

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**

**Exemption for use of Accuneb/generic Accuneb in patients < 2 years old**

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**

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**

**Failure of only Spiriva® required to obtain non-preferred medication**

Anoro® Elipta Inhaler  
 Daliresp® Tablet  
 Incruse® Elipta Inhaler  
 Seebri® Neohaler  
 Spiriva® Respimat Inhalation Spray  
 Stiolto® Respimat Inhalation Spray  
 Tudorza® Pressair Inhaler  
 Utibron® Neohaler

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**CORTICOSTEROIDS**

**Clinical criteria apply**

**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®

**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®)  
 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  
 Zyflo® CR Tablet / Filmstab

**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)  
 Clarinex® Syrup / Tablet  
 Claritin® Tablet OTC  
 desloratadine ODT / Tablet (generic for Clarinex®)  
 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**

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  
 Benzacilin® 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 Benzacilin®, Duac®, Neuac®)  
 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  
 Neuac® Gel / Kit  
 Onexton® Gel / Gel Pump  
 Ovace® Plus Cleansing Gel / Plus Cream / Plus Lotion / Plus Shampoo / Wash  
 Promiseb® Complete  
 Retin-A® / Micro Gel / Micro Pump Gel  
 Rosula® Cloths / Wash  
 Seb-Prev® Wash  
 sodium sulfacetamide shampoo, wash (generic for Ovace® / Plus)  
 sodium sulfacetamide cleanser / cream (generic for Avar® / LS)  
 sodium sulfacetamide lotion (generic for Klaron®)  
 sodium sulfacetamide sulfur cleanser / cloth (generic for Rosula®)  
 sodium sulfacetamide sulfur kit / wash (generic for Sumadan®)  
 sodium sulfacetamide sulfur lotion / suspension (generic for Novacet®, Plexion®, Zetacet®)  
 sodium sulfacetamide sulfur pad / suspension / wash (generic for Suamxin®)  
 SSS® 10-5 Cream / Foam  
 sulfacetamide sulfur cream (generic for Avar® E, SSS® 10-5)  
 Sulfacleanse® Suspension  
 Sumadan® Kit / Wash / XLT Kit

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Sumaxin® Cleansing Pads / CP Kit / TS Topical Suspension / Wash  
 Tazorac® Cream / Gel  
 tretinoin microsphere gel / gel pump (generic for Retin-A® Micro)  
 tretinoin cream / gel (generic for Retin-A®)  
 Veltin® Gel  
 Virti-Sulf® Emollient Cream  
 Ziana® Gel

**TOPICALS**

**ANDROGENIC AGENTS**

**Preferred**

Androgel® Packet / Pump

**Non-Preferred**

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

**ANESTHETICS**

**Preferred**

Voltaren® Gel

**Non-Preferred**

**Clinical criteria apply to Lidoderm®**

diclofenac solution (generic for Pennsaid®)  
 Dermacinrx Lexitral (Topical)  
 Flector® Patch  
 lidocaine patch (generic for Lidoderm®)  
 Lidoderm® Patch  
 Pennsaid® Pump / Solution  
 Qutenza® Kit

**ANTIBIOTIC**

**Preferred**

Bactroban® Cream  
 gentamicin cream / ointment (generic for Garamycin®)  
 mupirocin ointment (generic for Bactroban® Ointment)

**Non-Preferred**

Altabax® Ointment  
 Bactroban® Ointment / Nasal Ointment  
 Centany® AT Ointment Kit / Ointment  
 mupirocin cream (generic for Bactroban® Cream)

**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  
 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  
 econazole cream (generic for Spectazole®)  
 Ertaczo® Cream  
 Exelderm® Cream / Solution  
 Extina® Foam  
 Jublia® Topical Solution  
 Kerydin® Topical Solution



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	ketoconazole foam (generic for Extina® Foam) 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®) Oxistat® Cream / Lotion Pediderm AF® Kit Penlac® Solution Vusion® Ointment
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ANTIPARASITICS

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Eurax® Cream Natroba® Topical Suspension permethrin cream (generic for Elimite®) Sklice® Lotion	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Failure of only one preferred required to obtain a non-preferred Medication</b></p> Elimite® Cream Eurax® Lotion lindane lotion / shampoo malathion lotion (generic for Ovide®) Ovide® Lotion spinosad topical suspension (generic for Natroba®)

ANTIVIRAL

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Zovirax® Cream	acyclovir ointment/ AG (generic for Zovirax® Ointment) Denavir® Cream Xerese® Cream Zovirax® Ointment

IMMUNOMODULATORS

Atopic Dermatitis

**Clinical criteria apply**

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Elidel® Cream	Protopic® Ointment tacrolimus ointment (generic Protopic®)

Imidazoquinolinamines

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

TOPICALS

PSORIASIS

Preferred	Non-Preferred
calcipotriene cream / ointment / solution (generic for Dovonex®)	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	Non-Preferred
MetroGel® MetroLotion® metronidazole cream (generic for MetroCream®) metronidazole lotion (generic for MetroLotion®)	Finacea® Gel MetroCream® metronidazole gel (generic for MetroGel®) Mirvaso® Gel Noritate® Cream

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Rosadan® Cream / Gel / Kit  
 Soolantra® Cream

**STEROIDS**

Low Potency

**Preferred**

alclometasone dipropionate cream / ointment (generic for Aclovate®)  
 DermaSmoothe® FS Scalp and Body Oil  
 desonide cream / ointment (generic for DesOwen®)  
 hydrocortisone cream / lotion / ointment (generic for Hytone®)  
 hydrocortisone in absorbable

**Non-Preferred**

Aqua Glycolic® HC Kit  
 Capex® Shampoo  
 Desonate® Gel  
 desonide lotion (generic for DesOwen® Lotion)  
 DesOwen® Lotion  
 fluocinolone body / scalp oil (generic for Derma-Smoothe® FS Scalp / Body Oil)  
 PEDIADERM® HC Kit / TA Kit  
 Texacort® Solution

Medium Potency

**Preferred**

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

**Non-Preferred**

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®)  
 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 (Continued)

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  
 fluocinonide ointment (generic for Lidex® Ointment)  
 Halog® Cream / Ointment  
 Kenalog® Spray  
 Topicort® Cream / Gel / Ointment / Spray / LP  
 Trianex® Ointment  
 Vanos® Cream

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

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**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®)  
 Epi-Pen® Auto Injector / JR Auto Injector

**Non-Preferred**

Auvi-Q® 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

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®)  
 methylprednisolone 4mg dosepack / tablet (generic for Medrol®)  
 Orapred® ODT  
 prednisolone sodium phosphate solution (generic for PediaPred®, OraPred®)  
 prednisolone solution (generic for Prelone®)  
 prednisone dose pack (generic for Sterapred®)  
 prednisone solution / tablet (generic for Deltasone®)

**Non-Preferred**

Cortef® Tablet  
 cortisone tablet (generic for Patisone®)  
 Dexamethasone Intensol® Drops  
 Dexpak® Tablet  
 Entocort® EC Capsule  
 Medrol® Dose Pack / Tablet  
 methylprednisolone 8mg / 16mg / 32mg / tablet (generic for Medrol®)  
 Millipred® Dose Pack / Tablet  
 PediaPred® Solution  
 prednisolone ODT (generic for Orapred® ODT)  
 Prednisone Intensol® Concentrated Solution  
 Rayos® Tablet

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**Exemption for Children 12 years and younger**

Millipred® Solution  
 Veripred® Solution

**IMMUNOMODULATORS, SYSTEMIC**

**Clinical criteria apply**

**Trial and failure of only one preferred agent required**

**Preferred**

Enbrel® Kit / Sureclick Syringe / Syringe  
 Humira® Crohn's Starter Pack / Pediatric Crohn's Starter Pack / Pen / Psoriasis Starter Pack / Syringe

**Non-Preferred**

Actemra® Syringe / Vial  
 Cimzia® Starter Kit / Syringe Kit / Vial Kit  
 Cosentyx® Pen / Syringe  
 Entyvio® Vial  
 Orencia® SQ Syringe  
 Otezla® Starter Pack / Tablet  
 Simponi® Aria Vial / Pen Injector / Syringe  
 Stelara® Syringe  
 Taltz® (NTM-NR)  
 Xeljanz® Tablet

**Exemption for Diagnosis of Neonatal Onset: Multi-System Inflammatory Disease**

Kineret® Syringe

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS**

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

**Non-Preferred**

**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

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**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 devices for Medicaid-primary recipients and Health Choice-primary recipients (dually eligible and third-party recipients are not affected). These products are covered under the Outpatient Pharmacy Program and can be submitted under the pharmacy point-of-sale system with a prescription. Diabetic supplies can also be submitted under Durable Medical Equipment using the NDC and HCPCS code. For questions or assistance regarding diabetic supplies, please call the Division of Medical Assistance at 919-855-4310 (DME), 919-855-4300 (Pharmacy) or Roche Diagnostics Corporation at 1-877-906-8969.

**Meters**

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

**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)