



An Information Service of the Division of Health Benefits

**North Carolina
Special Medicaid Pharmacy
Newsletter**

Number 309

October 2019

In This Issue...

[Preferred Drug List \(PDL\) Changes](#)

Published by GDIT, fiscal agent for the North Carolina Medicaid Program

800-688-6696

Preferred Drug List (PDL) Changes

Effective Dec. 1, 2019, there will be changes to the Long Acting Opioids class on the NC Medicaid and NC Health Choice PDL.

- **Butrans Patch** will move to **non-preferred** status and its generic equivalent **buprenorphine patch** will move to **preferred status**.
- **Oxycontin Tablets** will move to **non-preferred** status and **Xtampza ER Capsule** will move to **preferred status**.

Providers with beneficiaries impacted by these changes may request prior approval for any non-preferred medication through NCTracks.

Opioid Analgesics Long Acting Opioids clinical criteria apply to all drugs in this class	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
buprenorphine patch (generic for Butrans patch)	Arymo ER
Butrans Patch	Belbuca (Buccal) Film
Embeda ER Capsule	buprenorphine patch (generic for Butrans patch)
fentanyl patch 12mcg/ 25mcg/ 50mcg/ 75mcg/ 100mcg (generic for Duragesic)	Butrans Patch
morphine sulfate ER tablet (generic for MS Contin)	Conzip Capsule
Oxycontin Tablet	Duragesic Patch
tramadol ER tablet (generic for Ultram ER, Ryzolt)	Exalgo Tablet
Xtampza ER Capsule	fentanyl patch (37.5/62.5/87.5 mcg dosages) (generic for Duragesic)
	hydromorphone ER tablet (generic for Exalgo)
	Hysingla ER Tablet
	Kadian Capsule
	morphine sulfate ER capsule (generic for Avinza, Kadian)
	MorphaBond ER
	MS Contin Tablet
	Nucynta ER Tablet

	oxycodone ER tablet (generic for OxyContin)
	Oxycontin Tablet
	oxymorphone ER tablet
	tramadol ER capsule (generic for Conzip Capsule)
	Xtampza ER Capsule
	Zohydro Capsule

John C. Stancil, Jr., R.Ph.
 Director, Pharmacy and DMEPOS Programs
 Division of Health Benefits
 N.C. Department of Health and Human Services

Rick Paderick, R.Ph.
 Pharmacy Director
 NCTracks
 GDIT

Blake Cook, R.Ph.
 Outpatient Pharmacy Program Manager
 Division of Health Benefits
 N.C. Department of Health and Human Services

Lori Landman
 Deputy Executive Account Director
 NCTracks
 GDIT

Sandra Terrell, MS, RN
 Director of Clinical
 Division of Health Benefits
 N.C. Department of Health and Human Services

Paul Guthery
 Executive Account Director
 NCTracks
 GDIT

Dave Richard
 Deputy Secretary for NC Medicaid
 Division of Health Benefits
 N.C. Department of Health and Human Services

Shannon Dowler, MD
 Chief Medical Officer
 Division of Health Benefits
 N.C. Department of Health and Human Services