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## Brand Name Orapred No Longer Covered

Concordia Pharmaceuticals (Labeler 59212) has terminated their rebate agreement with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) effective Jan. 1, 2019. For that reason, their brand product Orapred ODT (prednisolone sodium phosphate tablet), a preferred option on the NC Medicaid and NC Health Choice Preferred Drug List (PDL), will no longer be a covered product. Prednisolone sodium phosphate solution remains a covered and preferred option. You may access the current PDL by visiting the [Medicaid PDL website](#).

GLUCOCORTICOID STEROIDS, ORAL	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
budesonide EC capsule (generic for Entocort <sup>®</sup> EC)	Cortef <sup>®</sup> Tablet
dexamethasone elixir / tablet (generic for Decadron <sup>®</sup> )	cortisone tablet (generic for Patisone <sup>®</sup> )
dexamethasone solution (generic for Concedix <sup>®</sup> )	Dexamethasone Intensol <sup>®</sup> Drops
hydrocortisone tablet (generic for Cortef <sup>®</sup> )	Dexpak <sup>®</sup> Tablet
methylprednisolone 4mg dosepack / tablet (generic for Medrol <sup>®</sup> )	Emflaza <sup>®</sup> Tablet
<b>Orapred<sup>®</sup> ODT</b>	Entocort <sup>®</sup> EC Capsule
prednisolone sodium phosphate solution (generic for PediaPred <sup>®</sup> , OraPred <sup>®</sup> , Veripred <sup>®</sup> )	Medrol <sup>®</sup> Dose Pack / Tablet
prednisolone solution (generic for Prelone <sup>®</sup> , Millipred <sup>®</sup> )	methylprednisolone 8mg / 16mg / 32mg / tablet (generic for Medrol <sup>®</sup> )
prednisone dose pack (generic for Sterapred <sup>®</sup> )	Millipred <sup>®</sup> Dose Pack / Tablet / Solution
prednisone solution / tablet (generic for Deltasone <sup>®</sup> )	PediaPred <sup>®</sup> Solution
	prednisolone ODT (generic for Orapred <sup>®</sup> ODT)
	Prednisone Intensol <sup>®</sup> Concentrated Solution
	Rayos <sup>®</sup> Tablet
	Taperdex <sup>®</sup> Tablet
	Veripred <sup>®</sup> Solution
	Zodex <sup>™</sup> Tablet

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