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ALZHEIMER'S AGENTS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
donepezil 5mg, 10mg tablet / ODT (generic for Aricept® / ODT)	Adlarity® Patch
Exelon® Patch	Aduhelm® Vial - Clinical criteria apply
memantine tablet / titration pack (generic for Namenda®)	Aricept® Tablet
rivastigmine capsule (generic for Exelon®)	donepezil 23mg tablet (generic for Aricept®)
	galantamine ER capsule / solution / tablet (generic for Razadyne® / ER)
	Leqembi® Vial - Clinical criteria apply
	memantine ER capsule / solution (generic for Namenda® XR / Solution)
	Namenda® Tablet / Titration Pack / XR Capsule / XR Titration Pack
	Namzaric® Capsule / Titration Pack
	rivastigmine patch (generic for Exelon®)
ANALGESICS	
OPIOID ANALGESICS	
Long Acting Opioids	
Clinical criteria apply to all drugs in this class	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Butrans® Patch	Belbuca® (Buccal) Film
fentanyl patch 12mcg / 25mcg / 50mcg / 75mcg / 100mcg (generic for Duragesic®)	buprenorphine patch (generic for Butrans®)
methadone concentrate / diskets / intensol / tablets / solution	Conzip® Capsule
morphine sulfate ER tablet (generic for MS Contin®)	fentanyl patch (37.5 / 62.5 / 87.5mcg dosages) (generic for Duragesic®)
OxyContin® Tablet	hydrocodone ER capsule (generic for Zohydro® ER)
tramadol ER tablet (generic for Ultram ER®, Ryzolt®)	hydrocodone ER tablet (generic for Hysingla® ER)
Xtampza® ER Capsule	hydromorphone ER tablet (generic for Exalgo®)
	Hysingla® ER Tablet
	morphine sulfate ER capsule (generic for Avinza®, Kadian®)
	MS Contin® Tablet
	Nucynta® ER Tablet
	oxycodone ER tablet (generic for OxyContin®)
	oxymorphone ER tablet
	tramadol ER capsule (generic for Conzip®)
Orally Disintegrating / Oral Spray Schedule II Opioids	
Clinical criteria apply to all drugs in this class	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Actiq® Lozenge	Dsuvi™ SL Tablet
	fentanyl citrate buccal tablet (generic for Fentora®)
	fentanyl citrate lozenge (generic for Actiq®)
	Fentora® Buccal Tablet
Short Acting Schedule II Opioids	
Clinical criteria apply to all drugs in this class	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Endocet® Tablet (branded generic for Percocet®)	codeine sulfate tablet
hydrocodone-acetaminophen solution / tablet (generic for Hycet®, Lorcet®, Lortab®, Norco®, Vicodin®)	Dilaudid® Liquid / Tablet
hydrocodone-ibuprofen tablet (generic for Ibudone®, Reprexain®, Vicoprofen®)	hydromorphone solution / suppository (generic for Dilaudid®)
hydromorphone tablet (generic for Dilaudid®)	levorphanol tablet (generic for Levo-Dromoran®)
morphine solution / tablet (generic for MSIR®)	meperidine solution / tablet (generic for Demerol®)
oxycodone solution / tablet (generic for Roxicodone®)	morphine oral syringe
oxycodone-acetaminophen capsules (generic for Tylox®)	morphine suppositories (generic for Roxanol®)
oxycodone-acetaminophen tablets (generic for Percocet®)	Nalocet® Tablet
	Nucynta® Tablet
	oxycodone capsule (generic for OxyIR®)
	oxycodone concentrated solution (generic for Roxicodone® Intensol)
	oxycodone-acetaminophen solution
	oxymorphone tablet (generic for Opana®)
	Percocet® Tablet
	Prolate® Tablet / Solution
	Roxicodone® Tablet
	Roxybond® Tablet
Short Acting Schedule III – IV Opioids / Analgesic Combinations	
Clinical criteria apply to all drugs in this class	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
codeine-acetaminophen solution / tablet (generic for Tylenol with Codeine®)	Ascomp® Capsule (branded generic for Fiorinal with Codeine®)
tramadol tablet (generic for Ultram®)	butalbital compound with codeine capsule (generic for Fiorinal with Codeine®)
tramadol-acetaminophen tablet (generic for Ultracet®)	butalbital-caffeine-APAP with codeine tablet (generic for Fioricet with Codeine®)
	butorphanol spray (generic for Stadol®)
	dihydrocodeine-acetaminophen-caffeine tablet (generic for Panlor SS®)
	Fioricet with Codeine® Capsule
	pentazocine-naloxone tablet (generic for Talwin NX®)
	Seglentis® Tablet
	tramadol solution (generic for Qdolo®)
	tramadol tablet (25 mg)
NSAIDS	

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Preferred	Non-Preferred
celecoxib capsule (generic for Celebrex [®])	Arthrotec [®] Tablet
ibuprofen suspension / tablet (generic for Motrin [®])	Celebrex [®] Capsule
indomethacin capsule (generic for Indocin [®])	Daypro [®] Caplet
ketorolac tablet (generic for Toradol [®])	diclofenac potassium capsule (generic for Zipsor [®])
meloxicam tablet (generic for Mobic [®])	diclofenac potassium tablet (generic for Cataflam [®])
naproxen EC / DR tablet (generic for Naprosyn [®] EC)	diclofenac sodium tablet / ER tablet (generic for Voltaren [®] / XR)
naproxen tablet (generic for Naprosyn [®])	diclofenac sodium-misoprostol tablet (generic for Arthrotec [®])
sulindac tablet (generic for Clinoril [®])	diflunisal tablet (generic for Dolobid [®])
	Duexis [®] Tablet - T/F of only celecoxib required
	etodolac capsule / tablet / ER tablet(generic for Lodine [®] / XL)
	Feldene [™] Capsule
	fenoprofen capsule/ tablet (generic for Nalfon [®])
	flurbiprofen tablet (generic for Ansaid [®])
	ibuprofen / famotidine tablet (generic for Duexis [®]) - T/F of only celecoxib required
	indomethacin ER capsule (generic for Indocin SR [®])
	indomethacin suppository
	ketoprofen capsule (generic for Orudis [®])
	ketoprofen ER capsule (generic for Oruvail [®])
	ketorolac tromethamine nasal spray (generic for Sprix [®])
	Lofena [™] Tablet
	meclofenamate capsule (generic for Meclomen [®])
	mefenamic acid capsule (generic for Ponstel [®])
	meloxicam capsule (generic for Vivlodex [®])
	Mobic [®] Tablet
	nabumetone tablet (generic for Relafen [®])
	Nalfon [®] Capsule / Tablet
	Naprelan [®] Tablet
	naproxen sodium ER tablet (generic for Naprelan [®])
	naproxen sodium tablet (generic for Anaprox [®])
	naproxen suspension (generic for Naprosyn [®])
	naproxen-esomeprazole tablet (generic for Vimovo [®]) - T/F of only celecoxib required
	oxaprozin tablet (generic for DayPro [®])
	piroxicam capsule (generic for Feldene [®])
	Relafen [™] DS Tablet
	tolmetin tablet (generic for Tolectin [®])
	Vimovo [®] Tablet - T/F of only celecoxib required

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NEUROPATHIC PAIN	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
duloxetine capsule (generic for Cymbalta®)	Cymbalta® Capsule
gabapentin capsule / solution / tablet (generic for Neurontin®)	DermacinRx™ Lidocaine Patch - Clinical criteria apply
lidocaine patch (generic for Lidoderm®) - Clinical criteria apply	Drizalma™ Sprinkle
pregabalin capsule /solution (generic for Lyrica®)	duloxetine capsule (generic for Irenka®)
	Gralise® Tablet
	Horizant® Tablet
	Lidocan™ II / III Patch - Clinical criteria apply
	Lidoderm® Patch - Clinical criteria apply
	Lyrica® Capsule / Solution / CR Tablet
	Neurontin® Capsule / Solution / Tablet
	pregabalin ER tablet (generic for Lyrica® CR)
	Quenza® Kit
	Savella® Tablet / Titration Pack
	Xylidern™ Kit - Clinical criteria apply
	ZTLido™ Patch - Clinical criteria apply
ANTICONVULSANTS	
CARBAMAZEPINE DERIVATIVES	
Patients with a diagnosis of seizure disorder are exempt from T/F criteria and may use any carbamazepine product.	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Aptiom® Tablet	Carbatrol® Capsule
carbamazepine chewable tablet (generic for Tegretol®)	carbamazepine suspension / tablet (generic for Tegretol®)
carbamazepine ER capsule (generic for Carbatrol®)	carbamazepine XR tablet (generic for Tegretol XR®)
Equetro® Capsule	Epitol® Tablet
oxcarbazepine suspension / tablet (generic for Trileptal®)	Trileptal® Tablet
Oxtellar® XR Tablet	
Tegretol® Suspension / Tablet / XR Tablet	
Trileptal® Suspension	
FIRST GENERATION	
Patients with a diagnosis of seizure disorder are exempt from T/F criteria and may use any first generation product.	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Celontin® Kapsel	Depakote® ER Tablet / Sprinkle Capsule
Dilantin® Capsule / Infatab / Suspension	Depakote® Tablet
divalproex sprinkle capsule / ER tablet / tablet (generic for Depakote® / ER / Sprinkle)	felbamate tablet (generic for Felbatol®)
ethosuximide capsule / solution (generic for Zarontin®)	methsuximide capsule (generic for Celontin®)
felbamate suspension (generic for Felbatol®)	Mysoline® Tablet
Felbatol® Suspension / Tablet	Zarontin® Capsule / Solution
phenobarbital tablet / elixir / solution	
Phenytek® Capsule	
phenytoin chewable / extended capsules / infatab / suspension (generic for Dilantin®)	
phenytoin extended capsules (generic for Phenytek®)	
primidone Tablet (generic for Mysoline®)	
valproic acid capsule / solution (generic for Depakene®)	
SECOND GENERATION	
Patients with a diagnosis of seizure disorder are exempt from T/F criteria and may use any second generation product.	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Banzel® Tablet	Banzel® Suspension
Briviact® Tablet / Solution	clonazepam ODT (generic for Klonopin® Wafer)
clobazam suspension / tablet (generic for Onfi®)	Elepsia™ XR Tablet
clonazepam tablet (generic for Klonopin®)	Keppra® Tablet / Solution / XR Tablet
Diacomit® Capsule / Powder Pack	Klonopin® Tablet
Diastat® Acudial® / Pedi System	Lamictal® Chewable / ODT / ODT Starter Kit / Starter Kit / Tablet / XR / XR Starter Kit
diazepam rectal / system (generic for Diastat® Accudial® / Pedi System)	lamotrigine starter kits (generic for Lamictal®)
Epidiolex® Solution - Clinical criteria apply	Lyrica® Capsule / Solution
Eprontia™ Solution	Motopoly XR™ (lacosamide extended release) Capsule
Fintepla® Solution	Neurontin® Capsule / Solution / Tablet
Fycopma® Tablet / Suspension	Onfi® Suspension / Tablet
gabapentin capsule / solution / tablet (generic for Neurontin®)	Quexy® XR Capsule
Gabitril® Tablet	rufinamide tablet (generic for Banzel®)
lacosamide solution / tablet (generic for Vimpat®)	Spritam® Tablet
lamotrigine chewable / tablet (generic for Lamictal®)	Sympazan® Film
lamotrigine ER tablet / ODT / ODT Starter Kit / Starter Kit (generic for Lamictal® XR / ODT)	Topamax® Sprinkle Capsule / Tablet
levetiracetam tablet / ER tablet / solution (generic for Keppra® / XR)	topiramate ER capsule (generic for Quexy®)
Nayzilam® Nasal Spray	topiramate ER capsule (generic for Trokendi XR®) - T/F of Trokendi® XR Capsule required for coverage
Roweepra™ Tablet	Trokendi® XR Capsule
rufinamide suspension (generic for Banzel®)	vigabatrin tablet (generic for Sabril®)
Sabril® Tablet / Powder Packet	Vigadrone® Powder Packet / Tablet
Subvenite® Tablet / Tab Start Kit	Vimpat® Solution / Starter Kit / Tablet
tiagabine tablet (generic for Gabitril®)	Zonisade™ Oral Suspension
topiramate sprinkle capsule / tablet (generic for Topamax®)	Zalmy® Oral Suspension
Valtoco® Nasal Spray	
vigabatrin powder packet (generic for Sabril®)	
Xcopri® Tablet / Titration Pack	
zonisamide capsule (generic for Zonegran®)	

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ANTI-INFECTIVES - SYSTEMIC

ANTIBIOTICS

Penicillins, Cephalosporins and Related

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amoxicillin capsule / chewable / suspension / tablet (generic for Amoxil [®] , Trimox [®])	amoxicillin-clavulanate chewable tablet (generic for Augmentin [®])
amoxicillin-clavulanate suspension / tablet / XR tablet (generic for Augmentin [®] / XR)	Augmentin [®] Suspension / ES-600 / XR Tablet
ampicillin capsule / injection / vial	ceftacrol capsule / suspension / ER tablet (generic for Ceclor [®] / CD)
ampicillin-sulbactam injection / vial	cefadroxil tablet (generic for Duricef [®])
Bicillin [®] C-R injection	cefepodoxime suspension / tablet (generic for Vantin [®])
cefadroxil capsule / suspension (generic for Duricef [®])	Suprax [®] Suspension
cefdinir capsule / suspension (generic for Omnicef [®])	
cefixime capsule / suspension (generic for Suprax [®])	
cefprozil suspension / tablet (generic for Cefzil [®])	
cefuroxime tablet (generic for Cefin [®])	
cephalexin capsule / suspension / tablet (generic for Keflex [®])	
dicloxacillin capsule	
nafcillin injection / vial	
oxacillin injection / vial	
penicillin G injection / vial	
penicillin V suspension / tablet	
piperacillin - tazobactam injection / vial	
Pfizerpen [®] injection / vial	
Unasyn [®] injection / vial	
Zosyn [®] injection / vial	

Lincosamides and Oxazolidinones

Preferred | **Non-Preferred**

clindamycin capsules / solution (generic for Cleocin [®])	Cleocin [®] Capsules / Vial
linezolid suspension (oral) / tablet (generic for Zyvox [®])	Cleocin [®] Pediatric Solution
	clindamycin injection (generic for Cleocin [®])
	Lincocin [®] Vial
	lincomycin vial (generic for Lincocin [®])
	linezolid IV solution (generic for Zyvox [®])
	Sivextro [®] Tablet / Vial
	Synercid [®] Vial
	Zyvox [®] Tablet / IV Solution / Suspension

Macrolides and Ketolides

Preferred | **Non-Preferred**

azithromycin powder packet / suspension / tablet (generic for Zithromax [®])	clarithromycin ER tablet (generic for Biaxin XL [®])
clarithromycin suspension / tablet (generic for Biaxin [®])	Eryped [®] 200/400 Suspension
E.E.S. [®] Filmtab / Suspension	Ery-Tab [®] Tablet
Erythrocin [®] Filmtab	Zithromax [®] Powder Packet / Suspension / Tablet / Tri-Pak / Z-Pak
erythromycin ES 200 mg and 400 mg suspension (generic for E.E.S. [®] Suspension, Eryped [®])	
erythromycin EC capsule (generic for Eryc [®])	
erythromycin filmtab	
erythromycin ES tablet (generic for E.E.S. [®] Filmtab)	

Nitroimidazoles (Gastrointestinal Antibiotics)

Preferred | **Non-Preferred**

metronidazole tablet (generic for Flagyl [®])	Aemcolo [®] DR Tablet
vancomycin capsule (generic for Vancocin [®])	Difcicid [®] Suspension / Tablet - T/F of only vancomycin is required for treatment of Clostridium difficile
	Firvanq [™] Solution
	Flagyl [®] Capsule
	Likmez [™] Suspension
	metronidazole capsule (generic for Flagyl [®])
	neomycin tablet (generic for Mycifradin [®])
	nitazoxanide tablet (generic for Alinia [®] Tablet)
	paromomycin capsule (generic for Humatin [®])
	Solosec [™] Granules
	tinidazole tablet (generic for Tindamax [®])
	Vancocin [®] Capsule
	vancomycin oral solution (generic for Firvanq [™])
	Vowst [™] Capsule - Clinical criteria apply
	Xifaxan [®] Tablet - T/F of preferred agents not required for diagnosis of Hepatic Encephalopathy

Quinolones

Preferred | **Non-Preferred**

Cipro [®] Suspension	Baxdela [™] Tablet
ciprofloxacin tablet (generic for Cipro [®])	Cipro [®] Tablet
levofloxacin tablet (generic for Levaquin [®])	ciprofloxacin suspension (generic for Cipro [®])
moxifloxacin tablet (generic for Avelox [®])	levofloxacin solution (generic for Levaquin [®])
	ofloxacin tablet (generic for Floxin [®])

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Tetracycline Derivatives	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
doxycycline hyclate capsule / tablet (generic for Vibramycin [®] , Vibra-Tab [®])	demeclocycline tablet (generic for Declomycin [®])
doxycycline monohydrate 50mg, 100mg capsule (generic for Monodox [®])	Doryx [®] DR / MPC Tablet
minocycline 50mg, 75mg, 100mg capsule (generic for Minocin [®])	doxycycline hyclate DR tablet (generic for Doryx [®] DR)
	doxycycline monohydrate 75mg, 150mg capsule (generic for Monodox [®] , Adoxa [®])
	doxycycline monohydrate 40mg IR-DR capsule (generic for Oracea [®])
	doxycycline monohydrate 50mg, 75mg, 100mg, 150mg tablet
	doxycycline suspension (generic for Vibramycin [®]) - T/F of preferred agents not required for patients < 12 years of age
	Lymepak [™] Tablet
	minocycline ER tablet (generic for Solodyn [®] ER) Clinical justification and failure of doxycycline and minocycline required. Limited to a 12 week supply.
	minocycline 50mg, 75mg, 100mg tablet
	Minolira [™] ER Tablet
	Morgidox [®] Capsule / Kit
	Nuzra [™] Tablet
	Solodyn [®] ER Tablet - Clinical justification and failure of doxycycline and minocycline required. Limited to a 12 week supply.
	tetracycline capsule (generic for Sunmycin [®])
	Vibramycin [®] Capsule
Antifungals	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
clotrimazole troche (generic for Mycelex [®] Troche)	Ancobon [®] Capsule
fluconazole suspension / tablet (generic for Diflucan [®])	Brexafemme [®] Tablet
griseofulvin suspension (generic for Grifulvin V [®])	Cresemba [®] Capsule
griseofulvin ultra tablet (generic for Gris-Peg [®])	Diflucan [®] Suspension / Tablet
nystatin suspension (generic for Nilstat [®])	flucytosine capsule (generic for Ancobon [®])
nystatin tablet (generic for Mycostatin [®])	griseofulvin micro tablets (generic for Grifulvin V [®])
terbinafine tablet (generic for Lamisil [®])	itraconazole capsule / solution (generic for Sporanox [®])
	ketoconazole tablet (generic for Nizoral [®])
	Noxafil [®] Suspension / Tablet / DR Suspension Packet
	Oravig [®] Buccal Tablet
	posaconazole tablet / suspension (generic for Noxafil [®])
	Sporanox [®] Capsule / Solution
	Tolsura [™] Capsule
	Vfend [®] Suspension / Tablet
	Vivjoa [®] Capsule - Clinical criteria apply
	voriconazole suspension / tablet (generic for Vfend [®])
Antivirals (Hepatitis B Agents)	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
entecavir tablet (generic for Baraclude [®])	adefovir tablet (generic for Hepsera [®])
lamivudine HBV tablet (generic for Epivir [®] HBV)	Baraclude [®] Solution / Tablet
tenofovir tablet (generic for Viread [®])	Epivir [®] HBV Tablet / Solution
Viread [®] Powder / Tablet	Vemlidy [®] Tablet
Antivirals (Hepatitis C Agents)	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Pegasys [®] Syringe / Vial	
ribavirin capsule / tablet (generic for Copegus [®] , Rebetol [®])	
Clinical criteria apply to all drugs listed below	
Prior Approval Not Required for Mavyret[®] Tablet / Pellet Pack and sofosbuvir-velpatasvir tablet (generic for Epclusa[®])	
<u>All genotypes without cirrhosis</u>	Epclusa [®] Pellet Pack / Tablet
Mavyret [®] Tablet (8 weeks of therapy)	Harvoni [®] Pellet Pack / Tablet
Mavyret [®] Pellet Pack	ledipasvir-sofosbuvir tablet (generic for Harvoni [®])
sofosbuvir-velpatasvir tablet (generic for Epclusa [®])	Sovaldi [®] Pellet Pack / Tablet
	Zepatier [®] Tablet
<u>All genotypes with compensated cirrhosis (Child Pugh-A)</u>	
Mavyret [®] Tablet (Up to 12 weeks of therapy)	
Mavyret [®] Pellet Pack	
sofosbuvir-velpatasvir tablet (generic for Epclusa [®])	
<u>All genotypes previously treated with an HCV regimen containing an NS5A inhibitor or genotype 1a or 3 infection and have previously been treated with an HCV regimen containing sofosbuvir without an NS5A inhibitor.</u>	
Vosevi [™] Tablet	
<u>All genotypes with decompensated cirrhosis</u>	
sofosbuvir-velpatasvir tablet (generic for Epclusa [®])	

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Antivirals (Herpes Treatments)	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
acyclovir capsule / tablet / suspension (generic for Zovirax [®])	Sitavig [®] Buccal Tablet
famciclovir tablet (generic for Famvir [®])	Valtrex [®] Caplet
valacyclovir tablet (generic for Valtrex [®])	
Antivirals (Influenza)	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
oseltamivir phosphate capsule / suspension (generic for Tamiflu [®])	amantadine tablet (generic for Symmetrel [®])
rimantadine tablet (generic for Flumadine [™])	Flumadine [™] Tablet
	Relenza [®] Diskhaler
	Tamiflu [®] Capsule / Suspension
	Xofluza [™] Tablet - T/F of only one preferred drug required
Antibiotics, Inhaled	
T/F of only one preferred drug required	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Kitabis [™] Pak	Arikayce [®] Vial
Bethkis [®] Ampule	Cayston [®] Solution
tobramycin inhalation solution (generic for Tob [™])	tobramycin inhalation pak (generic for Kitabis [™])
	Tobi [™] Podhaler [™] / Solution
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	
ANTIDEPRESSANTS	
Other	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
bupropion tablet / SR tablet / XL tablet (generic for Wellbutrin [®] Tablet / SR / XL)	Aplenzin [®] Tablet
desvenlafaxine ER tablet (generic for Pristiq [®])	Auvelity [®] Tablet
duloxetine capsule (generic for Cymbalta [®])	Bupropion XL tablet (generic for Forfivo [®] XL)
Effexor [®] XR Capsule	Cymbalta [®] Capsule
mirtazapine ODT / tablet (generic for Remeron [®])	desvenlafaxine ER tablet (generic for Khedezla [®])
Nardil [®] Tablet	duloxetine capsule (generic for Irenka [®])
phenelzine tablet (generic for Nardil [®])	Emsam [®] Patch
Pristiq [®] ER Tablet	Fetzima [®] Capsule / Titration Pak
tranylcypromine tablet (generic for Parnate [®])	Forfivo [®] XL Tablet
trazodone tablet (generic for Desyrel [®])	Marplan [®] Tablet
venlafaxine tablet / ER capsules (generic for Effexor [®] , Effexor [®] XR)	nefazodone tablet (generic for Serzone [®])
vilazodone tablet (generic for Viibryd [®])	Remeron [®] Softab [™] / Tablet
	Trintellix [®] Tablet
	venlafaxine besylate ER tablet
	venlafaxine ER tablet
	Viibryd [®] Starter Pack / Tablet
	Wellbutrin [®] SR / XL Tablet
	Zuruvae [™] Capsule
Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor (SSRI)	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
citalopram solution / tablet (generic for Celexa [®])	Celexa [®] Tablet
escitalopram tablet (generic for Lexapro [®])	citalopram capsule
fluoxetine capsule / solution (generic for Prozac [®])	escitalopram solution (generic for Lexapro [®])
fluvoxamine tablet (generic for Luvox [®])	fluoxetine DR capsules (generic for Prozac [®] Weekly)
paroxetine tablet (generic for Paxil [®])	fluoxetine tablet (generic for Prozac [®]) - T/F of preferred agents not required for children < 18 years of age
Paxil [®] Suspension	fluvoxamine ER capsule (generic for Luvox CR [®])
sertraline concentrated solution / tablet (generic for Zoloft [®])	Lexapro [®] Tablet
	paroxetine capsule (generic for Brisdelle [®])
	paroxetine suspension / CR tablet (generic for Paxil [®] / CR)
	Paxil [®] Tablet / CR Tablet
	Pexeva [®] Tablet
	Prozac [®] Pulvule
	sertraline capsule
	Zoloft [®] Solution / Tablet

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ANTHYPERKINESIS / ADHD	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Adderall® Tablet (Generic Product Per FDA)	Adzenys® XR ODT
Adderall® XR Capsule	amphetamine salt combo ER capsule (generic for Mydayis®)
amphetamine salt combo tablet (generic for Adderall®)	amphetamine sulfate tablet (generic for Evekeo®)
amphetamine salt combo XR capsule (generic for Adderall® XR)	Azstarys™ Capsule
Aptensio® XR Capsule	Cotempla™ XR-ODT
atomoxetine capsule (generic for Strattera®)	Desoxyn® Tablet
clonidine ER tablet (generic for Kapvay®)	Dexedrine® Spansule®
Concerta® Tablet	dextroamphetamine ER capsule (generic for Dexedrine® Spansule®)
Daytrana® Patch	dextroamphetamine solution (generic for ProCentra®)
dexamethylphenidate tablet / ER capsule (generic for Focalin® / XR)	Dyanavel® XR Suspension - T/F of preferred agents not required for children < 12 years of age
dextroamphetamine tablet (generic for Dexedrine®)	Dyanavel® XR Tablet
guanfacine ER tablet (generic for Intuniv®)	Evekeo® Tablet / Evekeo® ODT Tablet
Methylin® Solution	Focalin® Tablet / XR Capsule
methylphenidate ER tablet (generic for Concerta®)	Intuniv® Tablet
methylphenidate tablet / solution (generic for Methylin®, Ritalin®)	Jornay PM™ Capsule
Vyvanse® Capsule / Chewable Tablet	lisdexamfetamine capsule / chewable tablet (generic for Vyvanse®)
	methamphetamine tablet (generic for Desoxyn®)
	methylphenidate CD capsule (generic for Metadate® CD)
	methylphenidate chewable (generic for Methylin®)
	methylphenidate ER capsule (generic for Aptensio® XR)
	methylphenidate ER tablet (45 mg and 63 mg) (Branded Product Per FDA)
	methylphenidate LA capsule (generic for Ritalin® LA)
	methylphenidate patch (generic for Daytrana®)
	Mydayis® ER Capsule
	ProCentra® Solution
	Qelbree™ Capsule
	Quillichew® ER Tablet - T/F of preferred agents not required for children < 12 years of age
	Quillivant® XR Suspension - T/F of preferred agents not required for children < 12 years of age
	Relexxii™ ER Tablet
	Ritalin® LA Capsule
	Ritalin® Tablet
	Strattera® Capsule
	Xelstrym® Patch
	Zenedi® Tablet
	Zenedi® Tablet
INJECTABLE ANTIPSYCHOTICS	
Injectable Long Acting	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Abilify Maintena® Syringe / Vial	
Abilify Asimtufii® Syringe Kit	
Aristada® / Imtio™ Syringe	
fluphenazine decanoate vial (generic for Prolixin decanoate®)	
Haldol® decanoate Ampule	
haloperidol decanoate ampule / vial (generic for Haldol decanoate®)	
Invenga® Hafyera Prefilled Syringe Kit	
Invenga® Sustenna Prefilled Syringe	
Invenga® Trinzta Syringe	
Perseis® Syringe	
Risperdal® Consta Vial	
risperidone ER vial (generic for Risperdal® Consta)	
Rykindo® Vial / Vial Kit	
Uzedy™ Syringe Kit	
Zyprexa® Relprevv™ Vial Kit	
ATYPICAL ANTIPSYCHOTICS	
Oral / Topical	
T/F of only one preferred drug required	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
aripiprazole Tablet / Solution (generic for Abilify®)	Abilify® Tablet / Abilify® MyCite® Tablet
clozapine tablet (generic for Clozaril®)	aripiprazole ODT (generic for Abilify® Discmelt®)
lurasidone tablet (generic for Latuda®)	asenapine SL tablet (generic for Saphris® SL)
olanzapine ODT / tablet (generic for Zyprexa®)	Caplyta™ Capsule
paliperidone ER tablet (generic for Invega®)	clozapine ODT (generic for FazaClo®)
quetiapine tablet / ER tablet (generic for Seroquel® / XR)	Clozaril® Tablet
risperidone ODT / solution / tablet (generic for Risperdal®)	Fanapt® Tablet / Titration Pack
Saphris® SL Tablet	Geodon® Capsule
Symbyax® Capsule	Invenga® Tablet
Vraylar® Capsule - T/F of 1 other preferred atypical antipsychotic required except for the adjunct treatment of MDD	Latuda® Tablet
ziprasidone capsule (generic for Geodon®)	Lybalvi™ Tablet
	olanzapine-fluoxetine capsule (generic for Symbyax®)
	Rexulti® Tablet / 7-Day Pack / 14-Day Pack
	Risperdal® Solution / Tablet
	Secuado® Patch
	Seroquel® Tablet / XR Tablet / XR Sample Kit
	Versacloz® Suspension

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Zyprexa[®] Tablet / Zydys[®] Tablet

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CARDIOVASCULAR

ACE INHIBITORS

Preferred	Non-Preferred
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benazepril tablet (generic for Lotensin [®])	Accupril [®] Tablet
enalapril tablet (generic for Vasotec [®])	Altace [®] Capsule
lisinopril tablet (generic for Prinivil [®] and Zestril [®])	captopril tablet (generic for Capoten [®])
ramipril capsule (generic for Altace [®])	enalapril solution (generic for Epaned [®]) - T/F of preferred agents not required for children < 12 years of age
	Epaned [®] Solution - T/F of preferred agents not required for children < 12 years of age
	fosinopril tablet (generic for Monopril [®])
	Lotensin [®] Tablet
	moexipril tablet (generic for Univase [®])
	Qbrelis [®] Solution - T/F of preferred agents not required for children < 12 years of age
	perindopril tablet (generic for Aceon [®])
	quinapril tablet (generic for Accupril [®])
	trandolapril tablet (generic for Mavik [®])
	Vasotec [®] Tablet
	Zestril [®] Tablet

ACE INHIBITOR / CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKER COMBINATIONS

Preferred	Non-Preferred
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amlodipine-benazepril capsule (generic for Lotrel [®])	Lotrel [®] Capsule
	trandolapril-verapamil ER tablet (generic for Tarka [®])

ACE INHIBITOR / DIURETIC COMBINATIONS

Preferred	Non-Preferred
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enalapril-HCTZ tablet (generic for Vaseretic [®])	Accuretic [®] Tablet
lisinopril-HCTZ tablet (generic for Prinzide [®] , Zestoretic [®])	benazepril-HCTZ tablet (generic for Lotensin [®] HCT)
	captopril-HCTZ tablet (generic for Capozide [®])
	fosinopril-HCTZ tablet (generic for Monopril [®] HCT)
	Lotensin [®] HCT Tablet
	quinapril-HCTZ tablet (generic for Accuretic [®] , Quinaretic [®])
	Vaseretic [®] Tablet
	Zestoretic [®] Tablet

ANGIOTENSIN II RECEPTOR BLOCKERS

Preferred	Non-Preferred
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irbesartan tablet (generic for Avapro [®])	Atacand [®] Tablet
losartan tablet (generic for Cozaar [®])	Avapro [®] Tablet
olmesartan tablet (generic for Benicar [®])	Benicar [®] Tablet
valsartan tablet (generic for Diovan [®])	candesartan tablet (generic for Atacand [®])
	Cozaar [®] Tablet
	Diovan [®] Tablet
	Edarbi [®] Tablet
	eprosartan tablet (generic for Teveten [®])
	Micardis [®] Tablet
	telmisartan tablet (generic for Micardis [®])
	valsartan oral solution

ANGIOTENSIN II RECEPTOR BLOCKER COMBINATIONS

Preferred	Non-Preferred
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amlodipine-olmesartan tablet (generic for Azor [®])	Azor [®] Tablet
amlodipine-valsartan tablet (generic for Exforge [®])	Exforge [®] Tablet / HCT Tablet
amlodipine-valsartan-HCTZ tablet (generic for Exforge [®] HCT)	telmisartan-amlodipine tablet (generic for Twynsta [®])
olmesartan-amlodipine-HCTZ tablet (generic for Tribenzor [®])	Tribenzor [®] Tablet

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ANGIOTENSIN II RECEPTOR BLOCKER DIURETIC COMBINATIONS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
irbesartan-HCTZ tablet (generic for Avalide [®])	Atacand [®] HCT Tablet
losartan-HCTZ tablet (generic for Hyzaar [®])	Avalide [®] Tablet
olmesartan-HCTZ tablet (generic for Benicar [®] HCT)	Benicar [®] HCT Tablet
valsartan-HCTZ tablet (generic for Diovan [®] HCT)	candesartan-HCTZ tablet (generic for Atacand [®] HCT)
	Diovan [®] HCT Tablet
	Edarbyclor [®] Tablet
	Hyzaar [®] Tablet
	Micardis [®] HCT Tablet
	telmisartan-HCTZ tablet (generic for Micardis [®] HCT)
ANGIOTENSIN II RECEPTOR / NEPRILYSIN BLOCKER COMBINATIONS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Entresto [®] Tablet	
ANTI-ARRHYTHMICS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
amiodarone tablet (generic for Cordarone [®])	Multaq [®] Tablet
disopyramide capsule (generic for Norpace [®])	Norpace [®] Capsule / CR Capsule
dofetilide capsule (generic for Tikosyn [®])	Pacerone [®] Tablet
flecainide tablet (generic for Tambocor [®])	quinidine gluconate ER tablet (generic for Quinaglute DuraTabs [®])
mexiletine capsule (generic for Mexiti [®])	Rythmol SR [®] Capsule
propafenone tablet (generic for Rythmol [®])	Tikosyn [®] Capsule
propafenone SR capsule (generic for Rythmol SR [®])	
quinidine sulfate tablet (generic for Quinidex [®] Tablet)	
BETA BLOCKERS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
atenolol tablet (generic for Tenormin [®])	acebutolol capsule (generic for Sectral [®])
carvedilol tablet (generic for Coreg [®])	Betapace [®] Tablet / AF Tablet
labetalol tablet (generic for Trandate [®])	betaxolol tablet (generic for Kerlone [®])
metoprolol succinate XL tablet (generic for Toprol XL [®])	bisoprolol tablet (generic for Zebeta [®])
metoprolol tartrate tablet (generic for Lopressor [®])	Bystolic [®] Tablet
propranolol solution / tablet / ER capsule (generic for Inderal [®])	carvedilol ER capsule (generic for Coreg [®] CR Capsule)
Sorine [®] Tablet	Coreg [®] Tablet / CR Capsule
sotalol tablet / AF tablet (generic for Betapace [®] / AF, Sorine [®])	Corgard [®] Tablet
	Hemangeol [®] Solution - T/F of preferred agents not required for diagnosis of infantile hemangioma
	Inderal [®] LA Capsule / XL Capsule
	Innopran [®] XL Capsule
	Kapsargo [™] Sprinkle - T/F of preferred agents not required for children < 12 years of age
	Lopressor [®] Tablet
	nadolol tablet (generic for Corgard [®])
	nebivolol tablet (generic for Bystolic [®])
	pindolol tablet (generic for Visken [®])
	Sotylize [®] Solution
	Tenormin [®] Tablet
	timolol tablet (generic for Blocadren [®])
	Toprol XL [®] Tablet
BETA BLOCKER DIURETIC COMBINATIONS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
atenolol-chlorthalidone tablet (generic for Tenoretic [®])	metoprolol-HCTZ tablet (generic for Lopressor [®] HCT)
bisoprolol-HCTZ tablet (generic for Ziac [®])	propranolol-HCTZ tablet (generic for Inderide [®])
	Tenoretic [®] Tablet
	Ziac [®] Tablet

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BILE ACID SEQUESTRANTS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
cholestyramine packet / powder / light packet / light powder (generic for Questran [®] / Questran [®] Light)	colesevelam packet / tablet (generic for Welchol [®])
colestipol tablet (generic for Colestid [®] Tablet)	Colestid [®] Granules / Tablet
	colestipol granules (generic for Colestid [®])
	Prevalite [®] Packet / Powder
	Questran [®] Light Powder / Packet / Powder
	Welchol [®] Packet / Tablet
CHOLESTEROL LOWERING AGENTS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
atorvastatin tablet (generic for Lipitor [®])	Altoprev [®] Tablet
ezetimibe (generic for Zetia [®])	amlodipine-atorvastatin tablet (generic for Caduet [®])
lovastatin tablet (generic for Mevacor [®])	Atoraliq [®] Suspension
pravastatin tablet (generic for Pravachol [®])	Caduet [®] Tablet
rosuvastatin tablet (generic for Crestor [®])	Crestor [®] Tablet
simvastatin tablet (generic for Zocor [®])	Ezallor [™] Capsule
	ezetimibe-simvastatin (generic for Vytorin [®])
	fluvastatin capsule / ER tablet (generic for Lescol [®] / XL)
	Juxtapid [®] Capsule - Clinical criteria apply
	Lescol [®] XL Tablet
	Lipitor [®] Tablet
	Livalo [®] Tablet- T/F of preferred agents not required with concomitant antiretroviral therapy in patients diagnosed with HIV
	Nexleto [®] Tablet - Clinical criteria apply
	Nexlizet [®] Tablet - Clinical criteria apply
	pitavastatin tablet (generic for Livalo [®]) - T/F of preferred agents not required with concomitant antiretroviral therapy in patients diagnosed with HIV
	Vytorin [®] Tablet
	Zetia [®] Tablet
	Zocor [®] Tablet
	Zypitamag [™] Tablet
CORONARY VASODILATORS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
isosorbide dinitrate tablet (generic for Isordil [®] / Titrados [®] / IsoDitrat [®] , et.al.)	Gonitro [®] Sublingual Powder
isosorbide mononitrate tablet / ER tablet (generic for Ismo [®] , Monoket [®] , Imdur [®])	Isordil [®] Tablet / Titrados [®] Tablet
Minitran [®] Patch	Nitro-Bid [®] Ointment
nitroglycerin patch / spray / SL tablet (generic for Nitro-Dur [®] , Minitran [®] , Nitrostat [®] , et. al)	Nitro-Dur [®] Patch
Nitrostat [®] SL Tablet	Nitrolingual [®] Spray
	Verquvo [™] Tablet
DIHYDROPYRIDINE CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
amlodipine tablet (generic for Norvasc [®])	felodipine ER tablet (generic for Plendil [®])
nifedipine capsule (generic for Procardia [®])	isradipine capsule (generic for Dynacirc [®])
nifedipine ER tablet (generic for Adalat CC [®] / Procardia XL [®])	Katerzia [™] Suspension - T/F of preferred agents not required for children < 12 years of age
	levamlodipine tablet (generic for Conjugpri [®])
	nifedipine capsule (generic for Cardene [®])
	nimodipine capsule (generic for Nimotop [®])
	nisoldipine ER tablet (generic for Sular [®])
	Norliqva [®] Solution
	Norvasc [®] Tablet
	Nymalize [®] Solution
	Procardia [®] XL Tablet
	Sular [®] Tablet
DIRECT RENIN INHIBITOR	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Tekturna [®] Tablet	aliskiren tablet (generic for Tekturna [®] Tablet)
Tekturna [®] HCT Tablet	

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ENDOTHELIN RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS	
Covered for diagnosis of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension only	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
ambrisentan tablet (generic for Letairis [®] Tablet)	bosentan tablet (generic for Tracleer [®] Tablet)
Tracleer [®] Tablet	Letairis [®] Tablet
	Opsumit [®] Tablet
	Tracleer [®] Suspension
INHALED PROSTACYCLIN ANALOGS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Tyvaso [®] Refill Kit / Solution / Starter Kit	Tyvaso [®] DPI
Ventavis [®] Solution	
NIACIN DERIVATIVES	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
niacin ER tablet (generic for Niaspan [®])	
NITRATE COMBINATION	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Bidil [®] Tablet	isosorbide dinit/hydralazine tablet (generic for Bidil [®])
NON-DIHYDROPYRIDINE CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Cartia XT [®] Capsule (branded generic for Cardizem CD [®])	Calan SR [®] Caplet
Dilt XR [®] Capsule (branded generic for Dilacor XR [®])	Cardizem CD [®] Capsule
diltiazem ER 24 hour capsule (generic for Dilacor XR [®] , Tiazac [®])	Cardizem [®] Tablet / LA Tablet
diltiazem tablet / CD capsule / ER 12 hour capsule (generic for Cardizem [®] / CD / SR)	diltiazem LA tablet (generic for Cardizem LA [®])
Taztia XT [®] Capsule (branded generic for Tiazac [®])	Matzim [®] LA Tablet (generic for Cardizem LA [®])
Tiadyt [®] ER Capsule	Tiazac [®] Capsule
verapamil tablet / ER tablet (generic for Calan [®] / SR)	verapamil 360 mg capsule
	verapamil ER capsule / PM capsule (generic for Verelan [®] / Verelan [®] PM)
	Verelan [®] Capsule / Verelan [®] PM Capsule
ORAL PULMONARY HYPERTENSION	
Covered for diagnosis of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (all) and Chronic Thromboembolic Pulmonary Hypertension- Adempas [®] only	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Alyq [®] Tablet (branded generic for tadalafil)	Adcirca [®] Tablet
sildenafil tablet (generic for Revatio [®])	Adempas [®] Tablet
tadalafil tablet (generic for Adcirca [®])	Ligrev [®] Suspension
	Orenitram [®] ER Tablet / Titration Kit
	Revatio [®] Suspension / Tablet - T/F of preferred agents not required for children < 12 years of age for Suspension ONLY
	sildenafil suspension (generic for Revatio [®]) - T/F of preferred agents not required for children < 12 years of age
	Tadliq [®] Suspension
	Upravi [®] Tablet / Titration Pack
PLATELET INHIBITORS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Brilinta [®] Tablet	aspirin/dipyridamole ER capsule (generic for Aggrenox [®])
clopidogrel tablet (generic for Plavix [®])	aspirin-omeprazole DR tablet
dipyridamole tablet (generic for Persantine [®])	Effient [®] Tablet
prasugrel tablet (generic for Effient [®] Tablet)	Plavix [®] Tablet
ANTIANGINAL & ANTI-ISCHEMIC	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
ranolazine ER tablet (generic for Ranexa [®] Tablet)	Aspruzo [™] Sprinkle
	Ranexa [®] Tablet
SYMPATHOLYTICS AND COMBINATIONS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
clonidine tablet / patch (generic for Catapres [®] / TTS)	clonidine ER tablet (generic for Nexiclon [™] XR)
guanfacine tablet (generic for Tenex [®])	methyldopa-HCTZ tablet (generic for Aldoril [™])
methyldopa tablet (generic for Aldomet [®])	methyldopa vial (generic for Aldomet [®])
TRIGLYCERIDE LOWERING AGENTS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
fenofibrate tablet (generic for Tricor [®])	Antara [®] Capsule
gemfibrozil tablet (generic for Lopid [®])	fenofibrate capsule / tablet (generic for Antara [®] , Lofibra [®] , Fenoglide [®] , et. al)
omega-3 acid ethyl esters capsule (generic for Lovaza [®])	fenofibric acid tablet (generic for Fibracor [®] , Trilipix [®])
Vascepa [®] Capsule	Fenoglide [®] Tablet
	icosapent ethyl capsule (generic for Vascepa [®])
	Lipofen [®] Capsule
	Lopid [®] Tablet
	Lovaza [®] Capsule
	Tricor [®] Tablet
	Trilipix [®] Capsule
CARDIOVASCULAR, OTHER	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Camzyos [®] Capsule - Clinical criteria apply	

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CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

ANTIMIGRAINE AGENTS

Quantity limits apply to all triptans

Preferred	Non-Preferred
rizatriptan tablet / ODT (generic for Maxalt [®])	almotriptan tablet (generic for Axert [®])
sumatriptan nasal spray / tablet / vial (generic for Imitrex [®])	diclofenac potassium powder packet (generic for Cambia [®]) - T/F of 2 preferred NSAIDs, in addition to T/F of 2 preferred triptans in the Antimigraine Agents class required for coverage
	eletriptan tablet (generic for Relpax [®])
	Elyxib [™] Solution - T/F of 2 preferred NSAIDs, in addition to T/F of 2 preferred triptans in the Antimigraine Agents class required for coverage
	Frova [®] Tablet
	frovatriptan tablet (generic for Frova [®])
	Imitrex [®] Cartridge / Nasal Spray / Pen / Tablet
	Maxalt [®] Tablet / MLT Tablet
	naratriptan tablet (generic for Amerge [®])
	Relpax [®] Tablet
	Reyvow [™] Tablet
	sumatriptan injection kit / refill / syringe (generic for Imitrex [®])
	sumatriptan/naproxen tablet (generic for Treximet [®])
	Tosymra [™] Nasal Spray
	Zembrace [®] SymTouch [®]
	zolmitriptan nasal spray / ODT / tablet (generic for Zomig [®])
	Zomig [®] Nasal Spray / Tablet / ZMT [®] Tablet

ANTIMIGRAINE AGENTS

CGRP Blockers/Modulators PREVENTATIVE

Clinical criteria apply to all drugs in this class

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Aimovig [®] Autoinjector	Qulipta [®] Tablet
Ajovy [®] Autoinjector / Syringe	Vyepti [®] Vial
Emgality [®] Pen / Syringe	
Nurtec [®] ODT	

ANTIMIGRAINE AGENTS

CGRP Blockers/Modulators ACUTE TREATMENT

Clinical criteria apply to all drugs in this class

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Nurtec [®] ODT	Zavzpret [™] Nasal Spray
Ubrelvy [®] Tablet	

ANTI-NARCOLEPSY

Clinical criteria apply to all drugs in this class

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Nuvigil [®] Tablet	armodafinil tablet (generic for Nuvigil [®])
Provigil [®] Tablet	modafinil tablet (generic for Provigil [®])
	Sunosi [™] Tablet
	Wakix [®] Tablet

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ANTIPARKINSON AND RESTLESS LEG SYNDROME AGENTS

Preferred	Non-Preferred
amantadine capsule / solution (generic for Symmetrel [®])	Apokyn [®] Cartridge
benztropine tablet (generic for Cogentin [®])	apomorphine cartridge (generic for Apokyn [®])
bromocriptine capsule / tablet (generic for Parlodel [®])	Azilect [®] Tablet
carbidopa-levodopa ODT (generic for Parcopa [®])	carbidopa tablet (generic for Lodosyn [®])
carbidopa-levodopa tablet / ER tablet (generic for Sinemet [®] / CR)	carbidopa-levodopa-entacapone tablet (generic for Stalevo [®])
pramipexole tablet (generic for Mirapex [®])	Comtan [®] Tablet
ropinirole tablet (generic for Requip [®])	Dhivy [™] Tablet
selegiline capsule / tablet (generic for Emsam [®])	Duopa [®] Suspension
trihexphenidyl elixir / tablet (generic for Artane [®])	entacapone tablet (generic for Comtan [®])
	Gocovri [®] Capsule - Clinical criteria apply
	Horizant [®] Tablet
	Inbrija [™] Inhalation
	Kynmobi [™] Titration Kit
	Lodosyn [®] Tablet
	Mirapex [®] ER Tablet
	Neupro [®] Patch
	Nourianz [™] Tablet
	Ongentys [®] Capsule
	Osmolex ER [™] Tablet - Clinical criteria apply
	Parlodel [®] Capsule / Tablet
	pramipexole ER tablet (generic for Mirapex ER [®])
	rasagiline tablet (generic for Azilect [®])
	ropinirole ER tablet (generic for Requip XL [®])
	Rytary [®] ER Capsule
	Sinemet [®] Tablet
	Stalevo [®] Tablet
	Tasmar [®] Tablet
	tolcapone tablet (generic for Tasmar [®])
	Xadago [®] Tablet
	Zelapar [®] ODT

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Injectable	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Avonex [®] Pack / Pen / Syringe	Briumvi [™] Vial
Betaseron [®] Kit / Vial	Extavia [®] Kit / Vial
Copaxone [®] Syringe	glatiramer syringe (generic for Copaxone [®] Syringe)
Kesimpta [®] Pen	Glatopa [®] Syringe
Rebif [®] Rebidose [®] / Titration Pack / Syringe	Lemtrada [®] Vial
	Ocrevus [®] Vial - T/F of preferred agents not required for diagnosis of Primary Progressive MS (PPMS)
	Plegridy [®] Pen / Pen Starter Pack / Syringe / Syringe Starter Pack
	Tysabri [®] Vial

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Oral	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
dalfampridine ER tablet (generic for Ampyra [®])	Ampyra [®] Tablet
dimethyl fumarate DR capsule / starter pack (generic for Tecfidera [®] Capsule / Starter Pack)	Aubagio [®] Tablet
fingolimod capsule (generic for Gilenya [®])	Bafertam [™] Capsule
teriflunomide tablet (generic for Aubagio [®])	Gilenya [®] Capsule
	Mavenclad [®] Tablet
	Mayzent [®] Starter Pack / Tablet
	Ponvory [™] Starter Pack / Tablet
	Tascenso ODT [™]
	Tecfidera [®] Capsule / Starter Pack
	Vumerity [™] Capsule
	Zeposia [®] Starter Pack / Capsule

AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS) AGENTS

Preferred	Non-Preferred
riluzole tablet (generic for Rilutek [®])	Exservan [™] Oral Film
	Tiglutik [®] Suspension
	Radicava [®] ORS [®] Suspension / ORS [®] Starter Kit Suspension / Bag

SEDATIVE HYPNOTICS

Quantity limits apply to all sedative hypnotics

Preferred	Non-Preferred
eszopiclone tablet (generic for Lunesta [®])	Ambien [®] Tablet / CR Tablet
flurazepam capsule (generic for Dalmane [®])	Belsomra [®] Tablet
ramelteon tablet (generic for Rozerem [®] Tablet)	Dayvigo [™] Tablet
temazepam 15mg, 30mg capsule (generic for Restoril [®])	Doral [®] Tablet
zaleplon capsule (generic for Sonata [®])	doxepin tablet (generic for Silenor [®])
zolpidem tablet (generic for Ambien [®])	Edluar [®] SL Tablet
	estazolam tablet (generic for Prosom [®])
	Halcion [®] Tablet
	Hetioz [®] Capsule / LQ Suspension - Clinical criteria apply

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	Lunesta [®] Tablet
	quazepam tablet (generic for Doral [®])
	Quviviq [™] Tablet
	Restoril [®] Capsule
	Rozerem [®] Tablet
	tasimelteon capsule (generic for Hetlioz [®]) - T/F of Hetlioz[®] Capsule required for coverage
	temazepam 7.5, 22.5 mg capsule (generic for Restoril [®])
	triazolam tablet (generic for Halcion [®])
	zolpidem capsule
	zolpidem ER tablet (generic for Ambien [®] CR)
	zolpidem SL tablet (generic for Intermezzo [®])

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SMOKING CESSATION

Preferred

Non-Preferred

bupropion SR tablet (generic for Zyban [®])
Chantix [®] Tablet / Starting Box / Continuation Month Box
nicotine gum / lozenge (buccal) / patch
varenicline starting month box (generic for Chantix [®])
varenicline tablet (generic for Chantix [®])

Nicotrol [®] Inhaler / NS Nasal Spray
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ENDOCRINOLOGY

GROWTH HORMONE

Clinical criteria apply to all drugs in this class

Prior Approval Not Required for Use of Serostim[®] in AIDS Wasting Syndrome

Preferred

Non-Preferred

Genotropin [®] Cartridge / MiniQuick [®]
Norditropin [®] Flexpro [®]

Humatrope [®] Cartridge
Ngenla [®] Pen
Nutropin [®] AQ NuSpin [®]
Omnitrope [®] Cartridge / Vial
Saizen [®] Vial
Serostim [®] Vial
Skytrofa [®] Cartridge - T/F of preferred agents not required for children <18 years of age
Sogroya [®] Pen
Zomacton [®] Vial

HYPOGLYCEMICS - INJECTABLE

Rapid Acting Insulin

T/F of only one preferred drug required

Preferred

Non-Preferred

Humalog [®] U-100 Cartridge
Humalog [®] U-100 Junior KwikPen [®]
Humalog [®] U-100 KwikPen [®] / Vial
insulin aspart U-100 FlexPen [®] / vial (generic for Novolog [®])
insulin lispro U-100 Junior KwikPen [®] (generic for Humalog [®] Junior)
insulin lispro U-100 KwikPen [®] / vial (generic for Humalog [®])
Novolog [®] U-100 Cartridge / FlexPen [®] / Vial

Admelog [®] SoloStar [®] / Vial
Afrezza [®] Inhalation Powder
Apidra [®] SoloStar [®] / Vial
Fiasp [®] FlexTouch [®] / Penfill [®] / PumpCart [®] / Vial
Humalog [®] U-200 KwikPen [®]
insulin aspart U-100 cartridge (generic for Novolog [®])
Lyumjev [™] U-100 KwikPen [®] / U-200 KwikPen [®] / Vial

Short Acting Insulin

T/F of only one preferred drug required

Preferred

Non-Preferred

Humulin [®] R Vial
Humulin [®] R U-500 KwikPen [®] / U500 Vial

Myxredlin [™] Injection
Novolin [®] R Vial / ReliOn [®] R Vial
Novolin R FlexPen [®]

Intermediate Acting Insulin

Preferred

Non-Preferred

Humulin [®] N Vial

Humulin [®] N KwikPen [®]
Novolin [®] N FlexPen [®] / ReliOn [®] N FlexPen [®]
Novolin [®] N Vial / ReliOn [®] N Vial

Long Acting Insulin

T/F of only one preferred drug required

Preferred

Non-Preferred

insulin glargine vial / SoloStar [®] (authorized biologic for Lantus)
Lantus [®] SoloStar [®] / Vial
Levemir [®] / FlexPen [®] / FlexTouch [®] / Vial
insulin aspart protamine-aspart 70/30 U-100 FlexPen [®] / vial (generic for Novolog [®] Mix 70/30)
Novolog [®] Mix 70/30 FlexPen [®]

Basaglar [®] U-100 KwikPen [®]
insulin degludec pen / vial (generic for Tresiba [®])
insulin glargine SoloStar [®] / Max SoloStar [®] (generic for Toujeo [®])
insulin glargine-yfgn pen / vial (generic for Semglee [™] yfgn)
Rezvoglar [™] Kwikpen [®]
Semglee [™] yfgn Pen / Vial
Toujeo [®] SoloStar [®] / Max SoloStar [®]
Tresiba [®] FlexTouch [®] / Vial

Premixed Rapid Combination Insulin

Preferred

Non-Preferred

Humalog [®] 50/50 Mix KwikPen [®] / Vial
Humalog [®] 75/25 Mix KwikPen [®] / Vial
insulin aspart protamine-aspart 70/30 U-100 FlexPen [®] / vial (generic for Novolog [®] Mix 70/30)
Novolog [®] Mix 70/30 FlexPen [®]

insulin lispro protamine 75/25 KwikPen [®] (generic for Humalog [®] 75/25 Mix)
Novolog [®] Mix 70/30 Vial

Premixed 70/30 Combination Insulin

Preferred

Non-Preferred

Humulin [®] 70/30 KwikPen [®] / Vial
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Novolin [®] 70/30 FlexPen [®] / Vial / ReliOn [®] 70/30 Vial

Amylin Analogs

Requires T/F or insufficient response to metformin containing product unless contraindicated or documented adverse event when using either a preferred or non-preferred Amylin Analog

Preferred

Non-Preferred

Symlin [®] Pen Injector

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GLP-1 Receptor Agonists and Combinations

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Preferred	Non-Preferred
Byetta [®] Pen	Bydureon [®] BCise™
Trulicity [®] Pen	Rybelsus [®] Tablet
Victoza [®] Pen	Soliqua [®] Pen
Ozempic [®] Pen	Xultophy [®] Pen
	Mounjaro™ Pen

HYPOGLYCEMICS - ORAL

2nd Generation Sulfonylureas

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

Alpha-Glucosidase Inhibitors

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

Biguanides and Combinations

Preferred	Non-Preferred
glipizide-metformin tablet (generic for Metaglip [®])	Glumetza [®] Tablet ** requires documentation as to why the beneficiary cannot use preferred long acting metformin product
glyburide-metformin tablet (generic for Glucovance [®])	metformin solution (generic for Riomet [®]) - T/F of preferred agents not required for children < 12 years of age
metformin tablet / ER tablet (generic for Glucophage [®] / ER)	metformin tablet (625 mg)
	metformin ER tablet (generic for Fortamet [®])
	metformin ER tablet (generic for Glumetza [®])
	Riomet [®] Solution / ER Suspension

DPP-IV Inhibitors and Combinations

Requires T/F or insufficient response to metformin containing products unless contraindicated or documented adverse event when using either a preferred or a non-preferred DPP-IV Inhibitor or Combination

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Janumet [®] Tablet / XR Tablet	alogliptin tablet (generic for Nesina [®])
Januvia [®] Tablet	alogliptin-metformin tablet (generic for Kazano [®])
Jentadueto [®] Tablet / XR Tablet	alogliptin-pioglitazone tablet (generic for Osem [®])
Onglyza [®] Tablet	Glyxambi [®] Tablet
saxagliptin tablet (generic for Onglyza [®])	Kazano [®] Tablet
Tradjenta [®] Tablet	Kombiglyze [®] XR Tablet
	Nesina [®] Tablet
	Oseni [®] Tablet
	Qtern [®] Tablet
	saxagliptin-metformin ER tablet (generic for Kombiglyze [®] XR)
	Stegljuan [®] Tablet
	Trijardy [®] XR Tablet
	Zituvio™ Tablet

Meglitimides

Preferred	Non-Preferred
nateglinide tablet (generic for Starlix [®])	
repaglinide tablet (generic for Prandin [®])	

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

Clinical criteria apply to all drugs in this class

Preferred	Non-Preferred
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Farxiga [®] Tablet	dapagliflozin tablet (generic for Farxiga [®])
Invokana [®] Tablet	dapagliflozin / metformin ER tablet (generic for Xigduo [®] XR)
Jardiance [®] Tablet	Inpefa [™] Tablet
Synjardy [®] Tablet	Invokamet [®] Tablet / XR Tablet
	Segluromet [™] Tablet
	Steglatro [™] Tablet
	Synjardy [®] XR Tablet
	Xigduo [®] XR Tablet

Thiazolidinediones and Combinations

Preferred	Non-Preferred
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pioglitazone tablet (generic for Actos [®])	ActoPlus Met [®] Tablet
	Actos [®] Tablet
	Duetact [®] Tablet
	pioglitazone-glimepiride tablet (generic for Duetact [®])
	pioglitazone-metformin tablet (generic for ActoPlus Met [®])

GASTROINTESTINAL

ANTIEMETIC-ANTIVERTIGO AGENTS

Preferred	Non-Preferred
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aprepitant capsule / pack (generic for Emend [®]) - Clinical criteria apply	Akynzeo [®] Capsule / Vial
Diclegis [®] Tablet	Antivert [®] Tablet / Chewable Tablet
dimenhydrinate vial (generic for Dramamine [®])	Anzemet [®] Tablet
meclizine tablet (generic for Antivert [®])	Aponvie [™] Vial
metoclopramide solution / tablet (generic for Reglan [®])	Barhemsys [®] Vial
ondansetron ODT / solution / tablet (generic for Zofran [®])	Bonjesta [®] Tablet
prochlorperazine tablet (generic for Compazine [®])	Cinvanti [®] Vial
Promethegan [®] (promethazine) Suppository (12.5 mg and 25 mg)	Compro [®] Suppository
promethazine syrup / suppository (12.5 mg and 25 mg) / tablet / ampule / vial (generic for Phenergan [®])	doxylamine-pyridoxine tablet (generic for Diclegis [®])
Transderm-Scop [®] Patch	dronabinol capsule (generic for Marinol [®])
	Emend [®] Capsule / Powder Packet / Trifold Pack - Clinical criteria apply
	Emend [®] Vial
	fosaprepitant vial (generic for Emend [®])
	Gimoti [™] Nasal Spray
	granisetron vial / tablet (generic for Kytril [®])
	Marinol [®] Capsule
	metoclopramide ODT / vial
	ondansetron vial
	palonosetron injection (generic for Aloxi [®])
	Phenergan [®] Ampule / Vial
	prochlorperazine vial / suppository (generic for Compazine [®])
	Promethegan [®] Suppository (50 mg)
	promethazine 50 mg suppository (generic for Phenergan [®])
	Reglan [®] Tablet
	Sancuso [®] Patch
	scopolamine patch (generic for Transderm-Scop [®])
	Sustol [®] Syringe
	Tigan [®] Vial
	trimethobenzamide capsule (generic for Tigan [®])

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BILE ACID SALTS	
T/F of only one preferred drug required	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
ursodiol capsule (generic for Actigal [®])	Bylvay [™] Capsule / Pellet - T/F of preferred agents not required for diagnosis of PFIC
ursodiol tablet (generic for Urso [®])	Chenodal [®] Tablet
	Cholbam [®] Capsule
	Livmarli [®] Oral Solution
	Ocaliva [®] Tablet
	Reltone [™] Capsule
	Urso [®] Tablet / Urso [®] Forte Tablet
H. PYLORI COMBINATIONS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Pylera [®] Capsule	bismuth / metronidazole / tetracycline capsule (generic for Pylera [®])
	lansoprazole-amoxicillin-clarithromycin pack (generic for Prevpac [®])
	Omeclamox-Pak [®] Combo Pack
	Talicia [™] Capsule
	Voquezna [®] Tablet / Dual Pak / Triple Pak
HISTAMINE-2 RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
famotidine tablet / suspension (generic for Pepcid [®])	cimetidine tablet (generic for Tagamet [®])
	nizatidine capsule (generic for Axid [®])
	Pepcid [®] Tablet
PANCREATIC ENZYMES	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Creon [®] Capsule	Pertzye [®] Capsule
Zenpep [®] Capsule	Viokase [®] Tablet
PROGESTINS USED FOR CACHEXIA	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
megestrol suspension / tablet (generic for Megace [®])	megestrol ES suspension (generic for Megace [®] ES)
PROTON PUMP INHIBITORS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Dexilant [®] Capsule	T/F of preferred agents not required for children < 12 years of age
esomeprazole magnesium capsule (generic for Nexium [®] Rx)	Aciphex [®] Tablet
lansoprazole capsule (generic for Prevacid [®] Rx)	dexlansoprazole capsules (generic for Dexilant [®])
Nexium [®] Rx Packet	esomeprazole magnesium OTC capsule / tablet (generic for Nexium [®] OTC)
omeprazole Rx capsule (generic for Prilosec [®] Rx)	esomeprazole magnesium packet (generic for Nexium [®] Rx Packet)
pantoprazole tablet (generic for Protonix [®])	Konvomep [™] Suspension
Protonix [®] Suspension	lansoprazole capsule (generic for Prevacid [®] OTC)
	lansoprazole ODT (generic for Prevacid [®] SoluTab [™])
	Nexium [®] Rx Capsule
	omeprazole-sodium bicarbonate capsule / packet (generic for Zegerid [®] Rx / OTC)
	omeprazole OTC capsule / ODT / tablet (generic for Prilosec [®] OTC)
	pantoprazole suspension (generic for Protonix [®])
	Prevacid [®] Rx / OTC Capsule / Solutab
	Prilosec [®] Rx Suspension
	Protonix [®] Tablet
	rabeprazole tablet (generic for Aciphex [®])
	Zegerid [®] Rx / Capsule / Packet

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SELECTIVE CONSTIPATION AGENTS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Amitiza® Capsule	alosetron tablet (generic for Lotronex®)
Linzess® Capsule	Ibsrela® Tablet
lubiprostone capsule (generic for Amitiza®)	Lotronex® Tablet
	Motegrity™ Tablet
	Movantik® Tablet
	Relistor® Syringe / Vial / Tablet - Clinical criteria apply
	Symproic® Tablet
	Trulance® Tablet
	Viberzi® Tablet - T/F of preferred agents not required for Irritable Bowel Syndrome with Diarrhea (IBS-D)
ULCERATIVE COLITIS	
Oral	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Apriso® Capsule	Asacol® HD Tablet
balsalazide capsule (generic for Colazal®)	Azulidine® Entab / Tablet
Lialda® Tablet	budesonide ER tablet (generic for Uceris®)
sulfasalazine IR / DR tablet (generic for Azulidine® / Entab)	Colazal® Capsule
	Delzicol® Capsule
	Dipentum® Capsule
	mesalamine DR capsule (generic for Delzicol®, Asacol® HD, Lialda®)
	mesalamine ER capsule (generic for Apriso®, Pentasa®)
	Pentasa® Capsule
	Uceris® Tablet
ULCERATIVE COLITIS	
Rectal	
T/F of only one preferred drug required	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
mesalamine enema (generic for Rowasa®)	budesonide rectal foam
mesalamine suppository (generic for Canasa®)	Canasa® Suppository
	mesalamine kit (generic for Rowasa®)
	Rowasa® Kit
	SF Rowasa® Enema
	Uceris® Rectal Foam
ELECTROLYTE DEPLETERS (KIDNEY DISEASE)	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
calcium acetate capsule (generic for PhosLo®)	Auryxia® Tablet
calcium acetate tablet (generic for Eliphos®)	Fosrenol® Chewable Tablet / Powder Pack
Renvela® Powder Pack / Tablet	lanthanum carbonate chewable tablet (generic for Fosrenol®)
	MagneBind® 400 Rx Tablet
	Renagel® Tablet
	sevelamer carbonate powder pack / tablet (generic for Renvela®)
	sevelamer hydrochloride tablet (generic for Renagel®)
	Velphoro® Chewable
	Xphozah® Tablet
GENITOURINARY / RENAL	
BENIGN PROSTATIC HYPERPLASIA TREATMENTS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
alfuzosin ER tablet (generic for Uroxatral®)	Avodart® Softgel
doxazosin tablet (generic for Cardura®)	Cardura® Tablet / XL Tablet
dutasteride capsule (generic Avodart®)	Cialis® Tablet (2.5 mg / 5 mg) - Clinical criteria apply
finasteride tablet (generic for Proscar®)	dutasteride / tamsulosin capsule (generic for Jalyn®)
tamsulosin capsule (generic for Flomax®)	Entadri™ Capsule
terazosin capsule (generic for Hytrin®)	Flomax® Capsule
	Jalyn® Capsule
	Proscar® Tablet
	Rapaflo® Capsule
	silodosin capsule (generic for Rapaflo®)
	tadalafil tablet (2.5 mg / 5 mg) (generic for Cialis®) - Clinical criteria apply

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URINARY ANTISPASMODICS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
oxybutynin solution / syrup / tablet / ER tablet (generic for Ditropan [®] XL)	darifenacin ER tablet (generic for Enablex [®])
solifenacin tablet (generic for Vesicare [®])	Detrol [®] Tablet / LA Capsule
Toviaz [®] Tablet	fesoterodine ER tablet (generic for Toviaz [®])
	flavoxate tablet (generic for Urispas [®])
	Gelnique [®] Gel Sachets
	Gemtesa [®] Tablet - T/F of preferred agents not required for diagnosis of dementia or mild cognitive impairment
	Myrbetriq [®] Granules / ER Tablet - T/F of preferred agents not required for diagnosis of dementia or mild cognitive impairment
	oxybutynin tablet (2.5 mg)
	Oxytrol [®] Patch
	tolterodine tablet / ER capsule (generic for Detrol [®] / LA)
	trosipium tablet / ER capsule (generic for Sanctura [®] / XR)
	Vesicare [®] LS Suspension / Tablet
GOUT	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
allopurinol tablet (generic for Zyloprim [®])	allopurinol tablet (200 mg)
colchicine tablet (generic for Colcrys [®])	colchicine capsule (generic for Mitigare [®])
probenecid tablet (generic for Benemid [®])	Colcrys [®] Tablet
probenecid-colchicine tablet (generic for Col-Benemid [®])	febuxostat tablet (generic for Uloric [®] Tablet)
	Gloperba [®] Solution
	Krystexxa [®] Vial
	Mitigare [®] (branded colchicine 0.6mg) Capsules
	Uloric [®] Tablet
	Zyloprim [®] Tablet
HEMATOLOGIC	
ANTICOAGULANTS	
Injectable	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
enoxaparin syringe / vial (generic for Lovenox [®])	Arixtra [®] Syringe
Fragmin [®] Syringe / Vial	fondaparinux syringe (generic for Arixtra [®])
	Lovenox [®] Syringe / Vial
Oral	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Eliquis [®] Tablet / Starter Dose Pack	dabigatran capsule (generic for Pradaxa [®] Capsule)
Jantoven [®] (branded generic for Coumadin [®])	Pradaxa [®] Pellet Pack
Pradaxa [®] Capsule	Savaysa [®] Tablet
warfarin tablet (generic for Coumadin [®])	Xarelto [®] Suspension
Xarelto [®] Starter Pack / Tablet	
COLONY STIMULATING FACTORS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Neupogen [®] Vial / Syringe	Fulphila [™] Syringe
Nyvepria [™] Syringe	Fylneta [®] Syringe
Udenyca [®] Autoinjector / Syringe	Granix [®] Safe Syringe / Syringe / Vial
	Leukine [®] Vial
	Neulasta [®] Syringe / Kit
	Nivestym [™] Syringe / Vial
	Releuko [®] Syringe / Vial
	Rolvecon [™] Syringe
	Stimufend [®] Syringe
	Udenyca [®] On-Body
	Zarxio [®] Syringe
	Ziextenzo [®] Syringe
HEMATOPOIETIC AGENTS	
Clinical criteria apply to all drugs in this class	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Aranesp [®] Syringe / Vial	Jesduvroq [®] Tablet
Epogen [®] Vial	Mircera [®] Syringe
Retacrit [®] Vial	Procrit [®] Vial
	Reblozyl [®] Vial
THROMBOPOIESIS STIMULATING AGENTS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Nplate [®] Vial	Tavalisse [™] Tablet
Promacta [®] Suspension / Tablet	
OPHTHALMIC	
ALLERGIC CONJUNCTIVITIS AGENTS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
cromolyn sodium drops (generic for Cromol [®])	Alocril [®] Drops
olopatadine drops (generic for Pataday [®] , Patanol [®])	Alomide [®] Drops
	Alrex [®] Drops
	azelastine drops (generic for Optivar [®])
	bepotastine drops (generic for Bepreve [®])

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	Bepreve [®] Drops
	epinastine drops (generic for Elestat [®])
	loteprednol drops (generic for Alex [®])
	Zerviate [™] Drops
ANTIBIOTICS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
bacitracin-polymyxin ointment (generic for Polysporin [®])	Azasisite [®] Drops
ciprofloxacin solution drops (generic for Ciloxan [®])	bacitracin ointment (generic for AK-Tracin [®])
erythromycin ointment (generic for Ilotycin [®])	Besivance [®] Suspension
gentamicin drops (generic for Garamycin [®])	Ciloxan [®] Ointment
moxifloxacin ophthalmic solution (generic for Vigamox [®])	gatifloxacin drops (generic for Zymaxid [®])
ofloxacin drops (generic for Ocuflax [®])	moxifloxacin ophthalmic solution (generic for Moxeza [®])
Polycin [®] Ointment (branded generic for Polysporin [®])	Natacyn [®] Drops
polymyxin-trimethoprim drops (generic for Polytrim [®])	neomycin-bacitracin-polymyxin ointment (generic for Neosporin [®] Ophthalmic Ointment)
sulfacetamide drops (generic for Bleph-10 [®])	neomycin-polymyxin-gramicidin drops (generic for Neosporin [®] Ophthalmic Drops)
tobramycin drops (generic for Tobrex [®])	Neo-Polycin [®] Ointment (branded generic for Neosporin [®] Ophthalmic Ointment)
	Ocuflax [®] Drops
	sulfacetamide ointment (generic for Cetamide [®])
	Tobrex [®] Ointment
	Vigamox [®] Drops
	Zymaxid [®] Drops
ANTIBIOTICS-STEROID COMBINATIONS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
neomycin-polymyxin-dexamethasone drops / ointment (generic for Maxitrol [®])	Maxitrol [®] Drops / Ointment
Tobradex [®] Drops / Ointment	Neo-Polycin [®] HC (branded generic for Cortisporin [®])
tobramycin-dexamethasone suspension (generic for Tobradex [®])	neomycin-bacitracin-polymyxin-HC ointment (generic for Cortisporin [®])
	neomycin-polymyxin-HC drops (generic for Ocutricin [®])
	sulfacetamide-prednisolone drops (generic for Vasocidin [®])
	Tobradex [®] ST Drops
	Zylet [®] Drops

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ANTI-INFLAMMATORY	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
dexamethasone drops (generic for Decadron®)	Acular® Drops / LS Solution
diclofenac drops (generic for Voltaren®)	Acuvail® Solution
difluprednate drops (generic for Durezol®)	brimonidac drops (generic for Prolensa®, Xibrom®)
Flarex® Drops	Bromsite™ Solution
fluorometholone drops (generic for FML®)	Dextenza® Insert
flurbiprofen drops (generic for Ocufer®)	Dexycu™ Vial
ketorolac solution (generic for Acular® / LS)	Durezol® Drops
Lotemax® Drops	FML® Forte Drops / Liquifilm® Drops
Nevanac® Droptainer	Ilevro® Drops
Pred Mild® Drops	Iluvien® Implant
prednisolone acetate drops (generic for Pred Forte®)	Invectys™ Drops
	Lotemax® Gel / SM Gel / Ointment
	loteprednol drops / gel (generic for Lotemax®)
	Maxidex® Drops
	Ozurdex® Implant
	Pred Forte® Drops
	prednisolone sodium phosphate drops (generic for Inflammase Forte®)
	Prolensa® Drops
	Retisert® Implant
	Trisence® Vial
	Xipere™ (Intraocular)
	Yutiq™ Implant
ANTI-INFLAMMATORY / IMMUNOMODULATOR	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Eysuvis™ Drops	Cequa™ Drops
Restasis® Drops / Restasis® Multidose™ Drops	cyclosporine emulsion (generic for Restasis®)
Xiidra® Drops	Miebo™ Drops
	Tyrvaya® Nasal Spray
	Verkazia® Eye Emulsion - T/F of preferred agents not required for diagnosis of vernal keratoconjunctivitis (VKC)
	Veveye® Drops
ALPHA 2 ADRENERGIC AGENTS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Alphagan® P Drops	apraclonidine drops (generic for Iopidine®)
brimonidine drops (generic for Alphagan®)	brimonidine P drops (generic for Alphagan® P)
	Iopidine® Drops
BETA BLOCKER AGENTS / COMBINATIONS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Combigan® Drops	betaxolol drops (generic for Betoptic®)
timolol drops / GFS gel-solution (generic for Timoptic® / Timoptic XE®)	Betimol® Drops
	Betoptic® S Drops
	brimonidine tartrate / timolol drops (generic for Combigan®)
	carteolol drops (generic for Ocupress®)
	Istalol® Drops
	levobunolol drops (generic for Betagan®)
	timolol drop (generic for Istalol® Drops)
	timolol maleate drop (generic for Timoptic® Ocudose® Drops)
	Timoptic® Drops / Ocudose® Drops / XE® Solution

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CARBONIC ANHYDRASE INHIBITORS / COMBINATIONS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
dorzolamide drops (generic for Trusopt [®])	Azopt [®] Drops
dorzolamide-timolol drops (generic for Cosopt [®])	brinzolamide drops (generic for Azopt [®] Drops)
Simbrinza [®] Drops	Cosopt [®] Drops / PF Drops
	dorzolamide-timolol PF drops (generic for Cosopt [®] PF)
PROSTAGLANDIN AGONISTS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
latanoprost drops (generic for Xalatan [®])	bimatoprost drops (generic for Lumigan [®] Drops)
Travatan [®] Z Drops	Durysta [®] Implant (intracameral)
	Iyuzeh [™] Drops
	Lumigan [®] Drops
	tafluprost drops (generic for Zioptan [®])
	travoprost drops (generic for Travatan [®] Z)
	Vyzulta [®] Drops
	Xalatan [®] Drops
	Xelpros [®] Drops
	Zioptan [®] Drops
RHO KINASE MODIFIERS / COMBINATIONS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Rhopressa [®] Drops	
Rocklatan [®] Drops	
OSTEOPOROSIS	
BONE RESORPTION SUPPRESSION AND RELATED AGENTS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
alendronate tablet (generic for Fosamax [®])	Actonel [®] Tablet
raloxifene tablet (generic for Evista [®])	alendronate solution (generic for Fosamax [®] Solution)
	Atelvia [®] Tablet
	Binosto [®] Effervescent Tablet
	calcitonin salmon nasal spray (generic for Miacalcin [®])
	Eventy [™] Syringe
	Evista [®] Tablet
	Forteo [®] Pen
	Fosamax [®] Tablet / Plus D Tablet
	ibandronate tablet (generic for Boniva [®])
	Prolia [®] Syringe
	risedronate tablet (generic for Actonel [®])
	risedronate DR tablet (generic for Atelvia [®])
	teriparatide pen (generic for Forteo [®])
	Tymlos [®] Pen

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OTIC	
ANTIBIOTICS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Ciprodex [®] Suspension	Cipro [®] HC Suspension
ciprofloxacin-dexamethasone suspension (generic for Ciprodex [®])	ciprofloxacin solution (generic for Cetraxal [®])
neomycin-polymyxin-hydrocortisone solution / suspension (generic for Cortisporin [®])	ciprofloxacin-fluocinolone drops (generic for Otovel [®])
ofloxacin drops (generic for Floxin [®])	Cortisporin-TC [®] Suspension
	Otovel [®] Drops
ANTI-INFECTIVES AND ANESTHETICS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
acetic acid solution (generic for Vosol [®])	acetic acid-hydrocortisone solution (generic for Vosol [®] HC)
ANTI-INFLAMMATORY	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Dermotic [®] Oil	Flac [®] Otic Oil
	fluocinolone 0.01% oil (generic for Dermotic [®])
RESPIRATORY	
BETA-ADRENERGIC HANDHELD, LONG ACTING	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Serevent [®] Diskus [®]	Striverdi [®] Respimat [®] Inhalation Spray
BETA-ADRENERGIC HANDHELD, SHORT ACTING	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
ProAir [®] HFA inhaler	albuterol HFA inhaler (generic for Proair [®] HFA Inhaler / Proventil [®] HFA Inhaler / Ventolin [®] HFA Inhaler)
Ventolin [®] HFA Inhaler	levalbuterol HFA inhaler (generic for Xopenex [®] HFA Inhaler)
Xopenex [®] HFA Inhaler	Proair [®] Digihaler [™]
	Proair [®] RespiClick [®]
	Proventil [®] HFA Inhaler
BETA-ADRENERGIC, NEBULIZERS	
T/F of only one preferred drug required	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
albuterol 0.63mg / 3ml solution (generic for Accuneb [®])	arformoterol solution (generic for Brovana [®])
albuterol 1.25mg / 3ml solution (generic for Accuneb [®])	Brovana [®] Solution
albuterol sulfate 2.5mg / 0.5ml solution	formoterol solution (generic for Perforomist [®])
albuterol sulfate 2.5mg / 3ml solution	levalbuterol solution / concentrate solution (generic for Xopenex [®] / Concentrate)
	Perforomist [®] Solution
BETA-ADRENERGIC, ORAL	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
albuterol tablets (generic for Proventil [®] Repetabs)	albuterol ER tablets (generic for VoSpire [®] ER)
albuterol syrup (generic for Ventolin [®] Syrup)	
terbutaline tablet (generic for Brethine [®])	

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ORALLY INHALED ANTICHOLINERGICS / COPD AGENTS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Anoro® Ellipta® Inhaler	Bevespi® Aerosphere®
Atrovent® HFA Inhaler	Daliresp® Tablet
Combivent® Respiпat® Inhalation Spray	Duakir® Pressair®
Incruse® Ellipta® Inhaler	tiotropium inhaler (generic for Spiriva® Handihaler®)
ipratropium nebulizer solution (generic for Atrovent®)	Tudorza® Pressair® Inhaler
ipratropium / albuterol solution (generic for Duoneb®)	Yupetri™ Solution
roflumilast tablet (generic for Daliresp®)	
Spiriva® Handihaler® / Respiпat® Inhalation Spray	
Stiolto® Respiпat® Inhalation Spray	
INHALED CORTICOSTEROIDS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Alvesco® Inhaler	ArmonAir™ Digihaler™
Arnuity® Ellipta® Inhaler	Pulmicort® Flexhaler
Asmanex® HFA Inhaler / Twisthaler®	Pulmicort® Respules 0.25mg, 0.5mg, 1mg
budesonide suspension 0.25mg, 0.5mg, 1mg (generic for Pulmicort® Respules)	
Flovent® Diskus / HFA Inhaler	
fluticasone propionate HFA / diskus (generic for Flovent® HFA / Diskus)	
QVAR® RediHaler™	
INHALED CORTICOSTEROID COMBINATIONS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Advair® Diskus®	AirDuo® Digihaler™ / RespiClick®
Advair® HFA Inhaler	AirSupra™ Inhaler
Dulera® Inhaler	Breo® Ellipta®
Symbicort® Inhaler	Breyna™ Inhaler
	Breztri™ Aerosphere™
	budesonide / formoterol inhalation (generic for Symbicort®)
	fluticasone / salmeterol HFA inhaler (generic for Advair® HFA)
	fluticasone / salmeterol inhalation (generic for Advair® Diskus®)
	fluticasone / salmeterol inhalation (generic for AirDuo®)
	fluticasone / vilanterol inhalation (generic for Breo® Ellipta®)
	Trelegy® Ellipta®
	Wixela™ Inhub™
INTRANASAL RHINITIS AGENTS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
azelastine spray (generic for Astelin®)	T/F of preferred agents not required in children < 4 years of age for steroid-containing products
Dymista® Nasal Spray	azelastine nasal spray (generic for Astepro®)
fluticasone spray (generic for Flonase®)	azelastine-fluticasone nasal spray (generic for Dymista®)
ipratropium spray (generic for Atrovent® Nasal)	Beconase® AQ Nasal Spray
olopatadine nasal spray (generic for Patanase®)	flunisolide nasal spray (generic for Nasalide®)
	mometasone nasal spray (generic for Nasonex®)
	Omnaris® Nasal Spray
	Patanase® Nasal Spray
	QNas® Nasal Spray / Children's Spray
	Ryvaltris® Nasal Spray
	Sinuva™ Implant
	Xhance™ Nasal Spray
	Zetonna® Nasal Spray
LEUKOTRIENE MODIFIERS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
montelukast chewable / tablet (generic for Singulair®)	Accolate® Tablet
	montelukast granules (generic for Singulair®)
	Singulair® Chewable / Granules / Tablet
	zafirlukast tablet (generic for Accolate®)
	zileuton tablet (generic for Zyllo®)
	Zyflo® Filmtab

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LOW SEDATING ANTIHISTAMINES	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
cetirizine OTC syrup 1mg/1ml (generic for Zyrtec® OTC Syrup)	cetirizine chewable tablet OTC (generic for Zyrtec® OTC Tablet)
cetirizine Rx syrup (generic for Zyrtec® Syrup)	cetirizine OTC syrup 5mg/5ml (generic for Zyrtec® OTC Syrup)
cetirizine tablets OTC (generic for Zyrtec® OTC Tablet)	cetirizine OTC softgel
levocetirizine OTC tablet (generic for Xyzal® OTC Tablet)	Clarinetx™ Tablet - T/F of preferred agents not required for children < 2 years of age
levocetirizine Rx tablet (generic for Xyzal® Rx Tablet)	desloratadine ODT / Tablet (generic for Clarinetx™) - T/F of preferred agents not required for children < 2 years of age
loratadine tablet OTC (generic for Claritin® OTC)	fexofenadine OTC suspension / OTC tablet (generic for Allegra® OTC)
	levocetirizine Rx solution (generic for Xyzal® Rx Solution)
	loratadine OTC chewable ODT / solution (generic for Claritin® OTC)
LOW SEDATING ANTIHISTAMINE COMBINATIONS	
Quantity limit of 102 days supply per 12 months apply to all drugs in this class	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
loratadine-D OTC tablet (generic for Claritin-D® OTC)	cetirizine-D OTC tablet (generic for Zyrtec-D® OTC)
	Clarinetx-D® Tablet
	fexofenadine-D 12 Hour OTC Tablet (generic for Allegra-D® 12 Hour OTC)
	fexofenadine-pseudoephedrine ER 24 hour tablet (generic for Allegra-D® 24 hour)
FIRST GENERATION ANTIHISTAMINES	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
carboxamine solution	carboxamine tablet
cyproheptadine syrup / tablet	clemastine tablet
hydroxyzine capsule / solution / tablet	Karbinal™ ER Suspension - T/F of immediate release carboxamine solution and cetirizine syrup required for coverage
	RyClora™ Solution
	RyVent™ Tablet
	Vistari® Capsule
TOPICALS	
ACNE AGENTS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
adapalene / benzoyl peroxide (generic for Epiduo® Forte)	Acanya® Gel Pump
adapalene / benzoyl peroxide (generic for Epiduo® Gel)	adapalene gel pump (generic for Differin®)
adapalene cream / gel (generic for Differin®)	Altreno® Lotion (Topical)
azelaic acid gel (generic for Finacea®)	Arazlo™ Lotion
clindamycin phosphate pledgets / solution (generic for Cleocin-T®)	Atralin® Gel
clindamycin-benzoyl peroxide gel (generic for Duac®)	Avar® Cleanser / LS Cleanser
erythromycin gel (generic for Emcin®, Erycette®, EryGel®, et. al.)	Avar-E™ Emollient Cream / Green Emollient Cream / LS Cream
erythromycin solution (generic for Emcin®, EryDerm®, EryMax®, et. al)	Avita® Cream
erythromycin-benzoyl peroxide gel (generic for Benzamycin®)	Benzamycin® Gel
Finacea® Gel	BP® 10-1 Wash / Cleansing Wash
Retin-A® Cream / Gel	Cabtree™ Gel
Retin-A® Micro Gel	Cleocin® T Lotion
	Clindacin® ETZ Pledget / Kit / P Foam / P Pledgets / PAC Kit
	Clindagel® Gel
	clindamycin / tretinoin (generic for Veltin®)
	clindamycin phosphate foam (generic for Evoclin®)
	clindamycin phosphate gel / lotion (generic for Cleocin-T®, Clindagel®)
	clindamycin-benzoyl peroxide gel (generic for Neuae®)
	clindamycin-benzoyl peroxide gel / pump (generic for Benzacilin®)
	clindamycin-benzoyl peroxide pump (generic for Acanya®)
	clindamycin-benzoyl peroxide pump (generic for Onexton®)
	dapsone gel / gel pump (generic for Aczone® Gel)
	Ery® Pads
	Erygel® Gel
	Evoclin® Foam
	Fabior® Foam
	Finacea® Foam
	Klaron® Lotion
	Neuae® Gel / Kit
	Onexton® Gel / Gel Pump
	Ovace® Plus Cleansing Cream / Gel / Lotion / Shampoo / Wash
	Retin-A® Micro Pump Gel
	Rosula® Cloths / Wash
	sodium sulfacetamide cleanser / cream (generic for Avar® / LS)
	sodium sulfacetamide lotion (generic for Klaron®)
	sodium sulfacetamide shampoo, wash (generic for Ovace® / Plus)
	sodium sulfacetamide-sulfur lotion / suspension (generic for Novacet®, Plexion®, Zetacet®)
	sodium sulfacetamide-sulfur pad / suspension / wash (generic for Sumaxin®)
	SSS® 10-5 Cream / Foam
	sulfacetamide-sulfur 9-4% cleanser (generic for Zencia™)
	sulfacetamide-sulfur cream (generic for Avar® E, SSS® 10-5)
	Sumadan® Kit / XLT Kit / Wash
	Sumaxin® Cleansing Pads / CP Kit / TS Topical Suspension / Wash
	tazarotene cream / foam / gel (generic for Tazorac®, Fabior®)
	tretinoin cream / gel (generic for Retin-A®)
	tretinoin microsphere gel / microsphere gel pump (generic for Retin-A® Micro)
	Winlevi® Cream
	Ziana® Gel

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ANDROGENIC AGENTS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
AndroGel [®] Pump	Androderm [®] Patch
testosterone gel pump (generic for AndroGel [®])	AndroGel [®] Patch
	Fortesta [®] Gel Pump
	Natesto [®] Nasal Gel
	Testim [®] Gel
	testosterone gel / packet (generic for Testim [®] , Vogelxo [®])
	testosterone gel pump (generic for Fortesta [®] , Axiron [®])
	testosterone packet (generic for AndroGel [®])
	Vogelxo [®] Gel / Packet / Pump
NSAIDS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
diclofenac topical gel (generic for Voltaren [®] Gel)	diclofenac epolamine patch (generic for Flector [®])
	diclofenac solution / pump (generic for Pennsaid [®])
	Flector [®] Patch
	Licart [™] Patch
	Pennsaid [®] Solution Packet / Pump
ANTIBIOTICS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
gentamicin cream / ointment (generic for Garamycin [®])	Centany [®] AT Ointment Kit / Ointment
mupirocin ointment (generic for Bactroban [®])	mupirocin cream (generic for Bactroban [®])
	Xepi [™] Cream
ANTIBIOTICS - VAGINAL	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Cleocin [®] Vaginal Ovules	Cleocin [®] Vaginal Cream
Clindesse [®] Vaginal Cream	clindamycin vaginal cream (generic for Cleocin [®] Vaginal Cream)
metronidazole vaginal gel (generic for Metrogel [®] Vaginal Gel)	Metrogel [®] Vaginal Gel
Nuvesta [®] Vaginal Gel	Vandazole [®] Vaginal Gel
	Xaciatio [®] Vaginal Gel
ANTIFUNGALS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
ciclopirox cream / solution (generic for Loprox [®] , Penlac [®])	Bensal HP [®] Ointment
clotrimazole Rx cream (generic for Lotrimin [®] Rx)	Cicloclan [®] Cream / Cream Kit / Kit / Solution
clotrimazole-betamethasone cream (generic for Lotrisone [®])	ciclopirox gel / shampoo / suspension (generic for Loprox [®])
ketoconazole cream / shampoo (generic for Nizoral [®])	ciclopirox treatment kit (generic for Cicloclan [®])
Klayesta [®] Powder (branded generic for Nystop [®])	clotrimazole Rx solution (generic for Lotrimin [®] Rx)
Nyamy [®] Powder (branded generic for Nystop [®])	clotrimazole-betamethasone lotion (generic for Lotrisone [®])
nystatin cream / ointment / powder (generic for Mycostatin [®] , Nystop [®])	econazole cream (generic for Spectazole [®])
Nystop [®] Powder	Ertaczo [®] Cream
	Extina [®] Foam
	Jublia [®] Topical Solution
	ketoconazole foam (generic for Extina [®])
	Ketodan [®] Foam / Foam Kit
	Loprox [®] Suspension / Cream / Kit
	luliconazole cream (generic for Luzu [®])
	Luzu [®] Cream
	micronazole / zinc oxide / petrolatum ointment (generic for Vusion [®]) - Clinical criteria apply
	naftifine cream / gel (generic for Naftin [®])
	Naftin [®] Gel
	nystatin-triamcinolone cream / ointment (generic for Mycolog II [®])
	oxiconazole cream (generic for Oxistat [®])
	Oxistat [®] Lotion
	salicylic acid ointment (generic for Bensal HP [®])
	tavaborole topical solution (generic for Kerydin [®])
	Triamazole [™] Combo Pack
	Vusion [®] Ointment - Clinical criteria apply

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ANTIPARASITICS	
Preferred	T/F of only one preferred drug required
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Natroba [®] Topical Suspension	Crotan [™] Lotion
permethrin cream (generic for Elimite [®])	Eurax [®] Cream / Lotion
	lindane shampoo
	malathion lotion (generic for Ovide [®])
	Ovide [®] Lotion
	Sklice [®] Lotion
	spinosad topical suspension (generic for Natroba [®])
ANTIVIRAL	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
acyclovir ointment (generic for Zovirax [®])	acyclovir cream (generic for Zovirax [®])
Zovirax [®] Cream	Denavir [®] Cream
	peniclovir cream (generic for Denavir [®])
	Xerese [®] Cream
	Zovirax [®] Ointment
IMMUNOMODULATORS	
Atopic Dermatitis	
Clinical criteria apply to all drugs in this class	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Adbry [®] Syringe	Opzelura [™] Cream
Dupixent [®] Pen / Syringe	pimecrolimus cream (generic for Elidel [®])
Elidel [®] Cream	
Eucrisa [®] 2% Ointment	
Protopic [®] Ointment	
tacrolimus ointment (generic for Protopic [®])	
Imidazoquinolinamines	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
imiquimod cream packet (generic for Aldara [®])	Condylox [®] Gel
	Hyftor [™] Gel
	imiquimod cream / cream pump (generic for Zyclara [®])
	podofilox gel / solution (generic for Condylox [®])
	Veregen [®] Ointment
	Zyclara [®] Cream / Cream Pump
PSORIASIS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
calcipotriene cream / solution (generic for Dovonex [®])	calcipotriene ointment / foam (generic for Dovonex [®] , Sorlux [®])
	calcipotriene-betamethasone suspension / ointment (generic for Talconex [®])
	calcitriol ointment (generic for Vectical [®])
	Duobrii [™] Lotion
	Enstilar [™] Foam
	Sorlux [®] Foam
	Taclonex [®] Ointment / Suspension
	Vitama [®] Cream
	Zoryve [®] Cream
ROSACEA AGENTS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
azelaic acid gel (generic for Finacea [®])	brimonidine gel pump (generic for Mirvaso [®])
Finacea [®] Gel	Finacea [®] Foam
metronidazole cream (generic for MetroCream [®])	ivermectin cream (generic for Soolantra [®])
metronidazole gel / pump (generic for MetroGel [®])	metronidazole lotion (generic for MetroLotion [®])
Rosadan [®] Cream / Gel	Noritrate [®] Cream
	Rhofade [®] Cream
	Rosadan [®] Kit

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STEROIDS	
Low Potency	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
DermaSmoothe [®] FS Scalp and Body Oil	alclometasone dipropionate cream / ointment (generic for Aclovate [®])
desonide cream / ointment (generic for DesOwen [®])	Aqua Glycolic [®] HC Kit
hydrocortisone cream / lotion / ointment (generic for Hytone [®])	desonide lotion (generic for DesOwen [®] Lotion)
	fluocinolone body / scalp oil (generic for DermaSmoothe [®] FS Scalp / Body Oil)
	Hydroxym [™] Gel
	Texacort [®] Solution
Medium Potency	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
fluticasone cream / ointment (generic for Cutivate [®])	Beser [™] Lotion / Kit
mometasone cream / ointment / solution (generic for Elocon [®])	clo cortolone cream / pump (generic for Cloderm [®])
	Cloderm [®] Cream / Pump
	fluocinolone cream / ointment / solution (generic for Synalar [®])
	flurandrenolide cream / lotion / ointment (generic for Cordran [®])
	fluticasone lotion (generic for Cutivate [®] Lotion)
	hydrocortisone butyrate cream / lipid cream / lotion / ointment / solution (generic for Locoid [®])
	hydrocortisone valerate cream / ointment (generic for Westcort [®])
	Locoid [®] Lipocream / Lotion
	Pandel [®] Cream
	prednicarbate cream / ointment (generic for Dermatop [®])
	Synalar [®] Cream / Ointment / Kit / Solution / TS Kit
High Potency	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
betamethasone valerate cream / ointment (generic for Valisone [®])	amcinonide cream (generic for Cyclocort [®])
fluocinonide ointment / solution (generic for Lidex [®])	betamethasone dipropionate augmented cream / gel / lotion / ointment (generic for Diprolene [®])
triamcinolone acetonide cream / lotion / ointment (generic for Kenalog [®])	betamethasone dipropionate cream / lotion / ointment (generic for Diprosone [®])
	betamethasone valerate foam / lotion (generic for Valisone [®])
	desoximetasone cream / gel / ointment / spray (generic for Topicort [®])
	diflorasone cream / ointment (generic for Florone [®])
	Diprolene [®] Ointment
	fluocinonide cream / emollient cream / gel (generic for Lidex [®] / Lidex [®] E)
	halcinonide cream (generic for Halog [®])
	Halog [®] Cream / Ointment / Solution
	Kenalog [®] Spray
	Topicort [®] Cream / Gel / Ointment / Spray
	triamcinolone spray (generic for Kenalog [®])
	Vanos [®] Cream

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Very High Potency		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
clobetasol cream / emollient cream / gel / ointment (generic for Temovate [®])	ApexiCon [®] E Cream	
clobetasol solution (generic for Cormax [®])	Bryhali [™] Lotion	
halobetasol propionate cream / ointment (generic for Ultravate [®])	clobetasol foam / emollient foam / emulsion foam (generic for Olux [®] / Olux-E [®])	
clobetasol shampoo (generic for Clobex [®])	clobetasol lotion / spray (generic for Clobex [®])	
	Clodan [®] Kit / Shampoo	
	halobetasol propionate foam (generic for Lexette [®])	
	Impeklo [™] Lotion	
	Lexette [®] Foam	
	Olux [®] Foam	
	Temovate [®] Ointment	
	Tovet [™] Foam / Foam Kit	
	Ultravate [®] Lotion	
MISCELLANEOUS		
WEIGHT MANAGEMENT AGENTS		
Incretin Mimetics		
Clinical criteria apply to all drugs in this class		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
Wegovy [®] Pen	Saxenda [®] Pen	
	Zepbound [®] Pen	
Non-Incretin Mimetics		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
phendimetrazine tablet	orlistat capsule (generic for Xenical [®])	
phentermine tablet / capsule	Xenical [®] Capsule	
IMMUNOMODULATORS, ASTHMA		
Clinical criteria apply to all drugs in this class		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
Fasenra [®] Pen / Syringe	Cinqair [®] Vial	
Xolair [®] Syringe	Nucala [®] Syringe / Vial / Autoinjector	
	Tezspire [®] Pen / Syringe - T/F of preferred agents not required for diagnosis of non-allergic, non-eosinophilic severe asthma	
	Xolair [®] Vial	
ANTIPSORIATICS, ORAL		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
acitretin (generic for Soriatane [®])	methoxsalen rapid (generic for Oxsoalene-Ultra [®])	
EPINEPHRINE, SELF INJECTED		
Quantity limits apply to all drugs in this class		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
Epi-Pen [®] Auto Injector / 2-Pak / Jr. Auto Injector / Jr. 2-Pak	Auvi-Q [®] Auto Injector	
epinephrine auto injector (generic for Epi-Pen [®] / Epi-Pen [®] Jr.)	epinephrine auto injector (generic for Adrenaclick [®])	
	Symjepi [™] Syringe	
ESTROGEN AGENTS, COMBINATIONS		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
Activella [®] Tablet	Bijuva [®] Capsule	
Amabelz [™] Tablet	Prefest [®] Tablet	
estradiol/norethindrone tablet (generic for Activella [®])		
Fyavolv [™] Tablet		
Jinteli [®] (branded generic for FemHRT [®])		
Mimvey [®] / Lo (branded generic for Activella [®])		
norethindrone-ethinyl estradiol (generic for FemHRT [®])		
Premphase [®] Tablet		
Prempro [®] Tablet		

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ESTROGEN AGENTS, ORAL / TRANSDERMAL	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Climara® Pro Patch	Climara® Patch
CombiPatch® Patch	Divigel® Gel Packet
estradiol patch (generic for Climara®, Menostar®, Vivelle-Dot®)	Doti™ Patch
estradiol tablet (generic for Estrace®)	Duavee® Tablet
Evamist® Spray	Elestrin® Gel
Menest® Tablet	Estrace® Tablet
Premarin® Tablet	estradiol gel packet (generic for Divigel®)
	Lyllana™ Patch
	Menostar® Patch
	Minivelle® Patch
	Veozah™ Tablet
	Vivelle-Dot® Patch
ESTROGEN AGENTS, VAGINAL PREPARATIONS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Estring® Vaginal Ring	Estrace® Cream
Premarin® Vaginal Cream	estradiol vaginal cream / tablet (generic for Estrace®)
Vagifem® Vaginal Tablet	Fenring® Vaginal Ring
	Imvexxy® Vaginal Inserts
	Yuvafem® Vaginal Tablet
GLUCOCORTICOID STEROIDS, ORAL	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
budesonide EC capsule (generic for Entocort® EC)	Alkindi® Sprinkle Capsule
dexamethasone elixir / tablet (generic for Decadron®)	Cortef® Tablet
dexamethasone solution (generic for Concedix®)	cortisone tablet (generic for Patison®)
Emflaza® Tablet - Clinical criteria apply	dexamethasone tablet dosepack / Intensol® Drops
hydrocortisone tablet (generic for Cortef®)	Emflaza® Suspension - Clinical criteria apply. T/F of preferred agents not required for children < 12 years of age.
methylprednisolone 4mg dosepack / tablet (generic for Medrol®)	Hemady™ Tablet
prednisolone sodium phosphate solution (generic for PediaPred®, OraPred®, Veripred®)	Medrol® Dose Pack / Tablet
prednisolone solution (generic for Prelone®, Millipred®)	methylprednisolone 8mg / 16mg / 32mg / tablet (generic for Medrol®)
prednisone dose pack (generic for Sterapred®)	Millipred® Dose Pack / Tablet
prednisone solution / tablet (generic for Deltasone®)	prednisolone ODT (generic for Orapred® ODT)
	prednisolone tablet
	Prednisone Intensol® Concentrated Solution
	Rayos® Tablet
	Taperdex® Tablet
	Tarpeyo™ Capsule - T/F of preferred agents not required for diagnosis of IgA nephropathy
CYTOKINE AND CAM ANTAGONISTS (previously listed as Immunomodulators, Systemic)	
Clinical criteria apply to all drugs in this class	
T/F of only one Preferred drug required	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Cosentyx® Sensoready® Pen / UnoReady® Pen / Syringe	Abrilada™ Pen / Syringe
Enbrel® Mini Cartridge / Sureclick® Syringe / Syringe / Vial	Actemra® ACTPen™ / Syringe / Vial
Humira® Crohn's Starter Pack / Ped. Crohn's Starter Pack / Pen / Psoriasis Starter Pack / Syringe	adalimumab-aacf Pen
infliximab vial (generic for Remicade®)	adalimumab-adaz Pen / Syringe
	adalimumab-adbm Pen / Psoriasis-UV Pen / Crohn's Pen / Syringe
	adalimumab-ikjp Pen / Syringe
	Amjevita™ Syringe / Autoinjector
	Arcalyst® SQ Syringe
	Avsola® Vial
	Bimzelx® Autoinjector / Syringe
	Cibinqo™ Tablet
	Cimzia® Starter Kit / Syringe Kit / Vial Kit
	Cosentyx® Vial
	Cyltezo™ Syringe / Crohn's-UC-HS Pen / Psoriasis Pen / Pen
	Ensptryng™ Syringe
	Entyvio® Pen / Vial
	Hadlima™ Syringe / PushTouch
	Hyrimoz™ Pen / Crohn's-UC Pen / Ped. Crohn's Pen / Syringe / Psoriasis Pen
	Hulio™ Pen / Syringe
	Idacio® Pen / Psoriasis Pen / Crohn's-UC Pen / Syringe
	Ilaris® Vial
	Ilumya® Syringe
	Inflectra™ Vial
	Kevzara® Syringe / Pen
	Kineret® Syringe - T/F of preferred agents not required for diagnosis of Neonatal Onset Multi-System Inflammatory Disease
	Olumiant® Tablet
	Omvoht™ Pen / Vial
	Orencia® Clickjet® / Syringe / Vial
	Otezla® Starter Pack / Tablet
	Remicade® Vial
	Renflexis™ Vial
	Rinvoq™ ER Tablet
	Siliq® Syringe
	Simponi® Pen / Syringe / Aria® Vial

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	Skyrizi [®] On-Body / Vial / Pen / Syringe
	Soykui [®] Tablet
	Spevigo [®] Vial
	Stelara [®] Syringe / Vial
	Taltz [®] Auto-injector / Syringe
	Tremfya [®] Syringe / Injector
	Uplizna [®] Vial
	Velsipity [®] Tablet
	Xeljanz [®] Tablet / Solution / XR Tablet
	Yuflyma [®] Syringe / Autoinjector / Crohn's-UC-HS Autoinjector
	Yusimry [™] Pen

IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Astagraf [®] XL Capsule	
Azasan [®] Tablet	
azathioprine tablet (generic for Imuran [®])	
Cellcept [®] Capsule / Suspension / Tablet	
cyclosporine capsule (generic for Sandimmune [®])	
cyclosporine modified capsule / solution (generic for Gengraf [®] , Neoral [®])	
Envarsus [®] XR Tablet	
everolimus tablet (generic for Zortress [®] Tablet)	
Gengraf [®] Capsule / Solution	
Imuran [®] Tablet	
mycophenolate capsule / suspension / tablet (generic for Cellcept [®])	
mycophenolic acid tablet (generic for Myfortic [®])	
Myfortic [®] Tablet	
Neoral [®] Capsule / Solution	
Prograf [®] Capsule / Granule Packet	
Rapamune [®] Solution / Tablet	
Rezurock [™] Tablet	
Sandimmune [®] Capsule / Solution	
sirolimus tablet / solution (generic for Rapamune [®])	
tacrolimus capsule (generic for Hecoria [®] , Prograf [®])	
Tavneos [®] Capsule	
Zortress [®] Tablet	

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MOVEMENT DISORDERS	
Clinical criteria apply to all drugs in this class	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Austedo [®] Tablet	Xenazine [®] Tablet
Austedo [®] XR Tablet / Titration Kit	
Ingrezza [®] Capsule / Initiation Pack	
tetrabenazine tablet	
HEREDITARY ANGIOEDEMA (HAE) PROPHYLAXIS AGENTS	
Clinical criteria apply to all drugs in this class	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Haegarda [®] Vial	Cinryze [®] Vial
Orladeyo [®] Capsule	Takhzyro [®] Vial / Syringe
HEREDITARY ANGIOEDEMA (HAE) TREATMENT AGENTS	
Clinical criteria apply to all drugs in this class	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Berinert [®] Vial / Kit	Firazyr [®] Syringe
icatibant syringe (generic for Firazyr [®])	Ruconest [®] Vial
Kalbitor [®] Vial	
Sajazir [®] Syringe (branded generic for icatibant)	
OPIOID ANTAGONISTS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Kloxxado [™] Nasal Spray	
LifEMS [™] naloxone Syringe Kit	
naloxone nasal spray (OTC)	
naloxone syringe / spray / vial (generic for Narcan [®])	
naltrexone tablet	
Narcan [®] Nasal Spray (OTC)	
Opvee [®] Nasal Spray	
Vivitrol [®] Vial / Diluent	
Zimhi [™] Syringe	
OPIOID DEPENDENCE	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Prior Approval Not Required for Coverage of Preferred Agents	Clinical Criteria Apply to Non-Preferred Agents
Brixadi [™] Weekly Syringe / Monthly Syringe	buprenorphine SL tablet (generic for Subutex [®])
buprenorphine-naloxone SL tablet (generic for Suboxone [®])	buprenorphine-naloxone SL film (generic for Suboxone [®])
Suboxone [®] SL Film	Lucemyra [™] Tablet - T/F of preferred agents not required for diagnosis of opioid withdrawal
Sublocade [®] Syringe	Zubsolv [®] Tablet SL
SKELETAL MUSCLE RELAXANTS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
baclofen tablet (generic for Lioresal [®])	Amrix [®] ER Capsule
cyclobenzaprine tablet (generic for Flexeril [™])	baclofen oral solution
methocarbamol tablet (generic for Robaxin [®])	baclofen suspension (generic for Fleqsuvy [™])
tizanidine tablet (generic for Zanaflex [®])	chlorzoxazone tablet (generic for Parafon Forte [®])
	cyclobenzaprine ER capsule (generic for Amrix [®] ER)
	Dantrium [®] Capsule / Vial
	dantrolene sodium capsule (generic for Dantrium [®])
	Fexmid [®] Tablet
	Fleqsuvy [™] Suspension
	Lorzone [®] Tablet
	Lyvispah [®] Granule Packet
	metaxalone tablet (generic for Skelaxin [®])
	Norgesic [™] Tablet / Forte Tablet
	orphenadrine / aspirin / caffeine tablet (generic for Norgesic [™])
	orphenadrine citrate tablet / vial (generic for Norflex [®])
	Orphengestic [®] Forte Tablet
	Robaxin [®] Vial
	tizanidine capsules (generic for Zanaflex [®])
	Zanaflex [®] Capsule / Tablet
DISPOSABLE INSULIN DELIVERY DEVICES	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Omnipod 5 [®] G6 Pods (5-Pack) / G6 Intro Kit / G7 Pods / G7 Intro Kit	
Omnipod DASH [®] Pods (5-Pack) / Intro Kit	
Omnipod GO [™] Pods	

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DIABETIC CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITOR SUPPLIES

Clinical criteria apply to all items in this class

Continuous Glucose Monitor Transmitters / Receivers / Readers

Preferred	Non-Preferred
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Dexcom G6 [®] Transmitter / Receiver	Freestyle Libre [™] 14 day Reader
Dexcom G7 [®] Receiver	
Freestyle Libre [™] 2 Reader	
Freestyle Libre [™] 3 Reader	

Continuous Glucose Monitor Sensors

Preferred	Non-Preferred
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Freestyle Libre [™] 2 Sensor	Freestyle Libre [™] 14 day Sensor
Freestyle Libre [™] 3 Sensor	
Dexcom G6 [®] Sensor	
Dexcom G7 [®] Sensor	

DIABETIC SUPPLIES

N.C. Medicaid only covers, at point of sale, the designated preferred products listed below for blood glucose meters, diabetic test strips, control solutions, lancets, and lancing devices for Medicaid-primary recipients (dually eligible and third-party recipients are not affected). These products are covered under the Outpatient Pharmacy Program and can be submitted to the pharmacy point-of-sale system with a prescription. Diabetic supplies, including other brands, can also be submitted under Durable Medical Equipment using the NDC and HCPCS code. Beneficiaries are allowed 1 covered meter every 2 years (730 days). For questions or assistance regarding diabetic supplies for Medicaid Direct members, please call the NC Tracks call center at 1-800-688-6696. ***All blood glucose meters are billed using the NC Medicaid Free BIN Meter program. BIN 610524, PCN 1016, Group 40026479, ID 066499643.***

Meters

Lancing Devices

ACCU-CHEK [®] Guide Retail care kit * (see above for billing)	ACCU-CHEK [®] Softelx lancing device kit (Black)
ACCU-CHEK [®] Guide Me Retail care kit * (see above for billing)	ACCU-CHEK [®] Fastelx lancing device kit

Test Strips

Control Solutions

ACCU-CHEK [®] AVIVA PLUS 50 ct test strips	ACCU-CHEK [®] Aviva glucose control solution (2 levels)
ACCU-CHEK [®] SMARTVIEW 50 ct test strips	ACCU-CHEK [®] SmartView glucose control solution (1 level)
ACCU-CHEK [®] Guide 50 ct test strips	ACCU-CHEK [®] Guide 2-Level control solution (2-levels)
ACCU-CHEK [®] Guide 100 ct test strips	

Lancets

ACCU-CHEK [®] Softelx 100 ct Lancets	
ACCU-CHEK [®] Fastelx 102 ct Lancets	