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Yellow shade signifies a new product being added as a new to market Non-Preferred product OR current coverage is being clarified

Orange shade signifies a significant change to the drug, category, or a clinical recommendation

Pink Shade signifies an Off-Cycle PDL move from Preferred to Non-Preferred or vice versa

Green shade signifies a brand / generic switch within the same category

Peach shade signifies categories that will be open for discussion even though there are no recommendations in that category

Purple shade signifies a product either no longer covered (rebatable) or no longer available from the manufacturer

ALZHEIMER'S AGENTS		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
donepezil 5mg, 10mg tablet (OPIT (generic for Aricept®) / OPIT)	Adairis® Patch	
Endoqin® Patch	Adalchol® Vial - Clinical criteria apply	
donepezil tablet / titration pack (generic for Namenda®)	Aricept® Tablet	
donepezil capsules (generic for Endoqin®)	donepezil 25mg tablet (generic for Aricept®)	
	galantamine ER capsule / solution / tablet (generic for Razadyne® / ER)	
	Kemira® (donepezil-266) Vial	
	Leqembi® Vial - Clinical criteria apply	
	memantine ER capsule / solution (generic for Namenda® / NR / Solution)	
	Memantine HCL / donepezil ER, ER capsule (generic for NAMZARIC™)	
	Namenda® Titration Pack, 23L Capsule / NR Titration Pack	
	Namenda® Capsule / Titration Pack	
	rivastigmine patch (generic for Exelon®)	
	rivastigmine tablet	
ANALGESICS		
OPIOID ANALGESICS		
Long Acting Opioids		
Pharm may not apply additional utilization management or prior authorization criteria to this category		
Clinical criteria apply to all drugs in this class		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
Buprenex® Patch	buprenex® (buccal) Film	
butrans patch 25mg / 25mg / 50mg / 75mg / 100mg (generic for Duramorph®)	buprenorphine patch (generic for Butrans®)	
methadone concentration / tablet / extended release / solution	Conzip® Capsule	
methadone ER tablet (generic for MS Contin®)	Contin® patch (27.5 / 62.5 / 87.5mg dosages) (generic for Duramorph®)	
OxyContin® Tablet	hydrocodone ER capsule (generic for Zohydro®) ER	
	hydrocodone ER tablet (generic for Duramorph® / ER)	
	hydromorphone ER tablet (generic for Exalgo®)	
	Hydrotab® ER Tablet	
	Methadone® Oral Concentrate / Tablet	
	methadone sulfate ER capsule (generic for Avinor® / Kadian®)	
	MS Contin® Tablet	
	oxycodone ER tablet (generic for OxyContin®)	
	oxycodone ER tablet	
	unimodal ER capsule (generic for Conzip®)	
	unimodal ER tablet (Utram ER, Exalgo®)	
Orally Dissolving / Oral Spray Schedule II Opioids		
Pharm may not apply additional utilization management or prior authorization criteria to this category		
Clinical criteria apply to all drugs in this class		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
Actiq® Lollipop	limatect citrate buccal tablet (generic for Fentora®)	
	limatect citrate buccal tablet (generic for Actiq®)	
	Fentora® Buccal Tablet	
Short Acting Schedule II Opioids		
Pharm may not apply additional utilization management or prior authorization criteria to this category		
Clinical criteria apply to all drugs in this class		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
Endone® Tablet (brand name generic for Percocet®)	codone sulfate tablet	
hydrocodone-acetaminophen solution / tablet (generic for Hycod®, Lorcan®, Lortab®, Nucor®, Vicodin®)	Dilaudid® Liquid / Tablet	
hydrocodone tablet (generic for Dilaudid®)	hydrocodone-buprenorphine tablet (generic for Butrans®, Buprenex®, Vagovex®)	
meperidine solution / tablet (generic for MSRP®)	hydrocodone solution / suppository (generic for Dilaudid®)	
oxycodone solution / tablet (generic for Roxicodone®)	levorphanol tablet (generic for Levo-Dromoran®)	
oxycodone-acetaminophen capsules (generic for Tylox®)	meperidine solution / tablet (generic for Demoran®)	
oxycodone-acetaminophen tablets (generic for Percocet®)	meperidine oral syrup	
	meperidine suppositories (generic for Roxolan®)	
	Naloxon® Tablet	
	oxycodone, oral solution (generic for Oxyc®)	
	oxycodone, concentrated solution (generic for Roxicodone® Intense®)	
	oxycodone-acetaminophen solution	
	oxycodone tablet (generic for Oxyne®)	
	Percocet® Tablet	
	Percocet® Tablet / Solution	
	Roxicodone® Tablet	
	Roxibond® Tablet	
Short Acting Schedule III - IV Opioids / Analgesic Combinations		
Pharm may not apply additional utilization management or prior authorization criteria to this category		
Clinical criteria apply to all drugs in this class		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
codone-acetaminophen solution / tablet (generic for Tylox® with Codone®)	Acocet® Capsule (brand name generic for Fiorinal with Codone®)	
tramadol tablet 50 mg (generic for Ultram®)	butalbital compound with codone capsule (generic for Fiorinal with Codone®)	
tramadol-acetaminophen tablet (generic for Ultracet®)	butalbital-caffeine-APAP with codone tablet (generic for Fioracet with Codone®)	
	buprenorphine spray (generic for Studal®)	
	hydrocodone-acetaminophen solution tablet (generic for Pandin 55®)	
	Fioracet with Codone® Capsule	
	hydrocodone-acetaminophen Solution (generic for Zolvis)	
	pentamixine-oxycodone tablet (generic for Talwin N®)	
	Sopitor® Tablet	
	tramadol solution (generic for Quid®)	
	tramadol tablet (25 mg, 75 mg, 100 mg)	
NON-OPIOID ANALGESICS		
Pharm may not apply additional utilization management or prior authorization criteria to this category		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
Januvia® Tablet Quarterly limit of a 14 day supply		

NTM: Added hydrocodone-acetaminophen Solution (generic for Zolvis) to non-preferred

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NSAIDS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
celecoxib capsule (generic for Celebra [®])	Arthritis [®] Tablet
diclofenac sodium tablet (generic for Voltaren [®])	Celebra [®] Capsule
ibuprofen suspension / tablet (generic for Motrin [®])	Dyract [®] Caudal
indomethacin capsule (generic for Indocin [®])	diclofenac potassium capsule (generic for Zipen [®])
ketorolac tablet (generic for Toradol [®])	diclofenac potassium tablet (generic for Celebra [®])
meloxicam tablet (generic for Mobic [®])	diclofenac sodium ER tablet (generic for Voltaren [®] XR)
suspension ER / DR tablet (generic for Naproxen [®] ER)	diclofenac sodium-misoprostol tablet (generic for Arthrocare [®])
suspension capsule tablet (generic for Anaprox [®])	diflunisal tablet (generic for Dolobid [®])
suspension tablet (generic for Naproxen [®])	Dolobid [®] tablet
valdecoxib tablet (generic for Celecox [®])	etodolac capsule / tablet / ER tablet (generic for Lodine [®] / XR)
	Feldene [®] Capsule
	ibuprofen capsule tablet (generic for Nalfon [®])
	ibuprofen tablet (generic for Advil [®])
	ibuprofen / famotidine tablet (generic for Duras [®]) - T/F of only celecoxib required
	indomethacin ER capsule (generic for Indocin XR [®])
	indomethacin suppository
	ketoprofen capsule (generic for Oralmid [®])
	ketoprofen ER capsule (generic for Oralmid [®])
	Ketorolac / Ibuprofen Capsule (brandel generic for Oralmid [®])
	Lofene [®] Tablet
	mefenamic acid capsule (generic for Meclomen [®])
	mefenamic acid capsule (generic for Pirofen [®])
	meloxicam capsule (generic for Vivlodex [®])
	naproxene tablet (generic for Ralfeba [®])
	Nalfon [®] Capsule / Tablet
	Naproxen [®] Tablet
	Naproxen [®] Suspension
	naproxen sodium ER tablet (generic for Naproxen [®])
	naproxen suspension (generic for Naproxen [®])
	naproxen-somoprostol tablet (generic for Vimovo [®]) - T/F of only celecoxib required
	naproxen tablet (generic for DuoPro [®])
	piroxicam capsule (generic for Feldene [®])
	Ralfeba [®] ER Tablet
	Tolacina [®] (tolacina) Tablet
	tolacina tablet / capsule (generic for Tolacina [®] / DR)
	Vimovo [®] Tablet - T/F of only celecoxib required
NEUROPATHIC PAIN	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
gabapentin capsule (generic for Cymbalta [®])	Cymbalta [®] Capsule
gabapentin capsule / solution / tablet (generic for Neurontin [®])	Dermacort [®] / Lidocaine Patch - Clinical criteria apply
gabapentin patch (generic for Lidoderm [®]) - Clinical criteria apply	Duram [®] / Syreale
pregabalin capsule / solution (generic for Lyrica [®])	gabapentin capsule (generic for Gralise [®])
	gabapentin ER tablet (generic for Gralise [®])
	Gralise [®] Tablet
	Gralise [®] Tablet
	Lidocaine [®] Patch - Clinical criteria apply
	Lidocaine [®] Patch - Clinical criteria apply
	Lidocaine [®] Patch - Clinical criteria apply
	Lyrica [®] Capsule / Solution / CR Tablet
	Neurontin [®] Capsule / Solution / Tablet
	pregabalin ER tablet (generic for Lyrica [®] CR)
	pregabalin ER tablet (generic for Lyrica [®] CR)
	Qutenza [®] Kit
	Syreale [®] Tablet / Titration Pack
	Tolacina [®] Patch
	ZTLide [®] Patch - Clinical criteria apply
ANTICONVULSANTS	
CARBAMAZEPINE DERIVATIVES	
Plus may not apply additional utilization management or prior authorization criteria to this category	
Patients with a diagnosis of seizure disorder are exempt from T/F criteria and may use any carbamazepine product.	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Aptiom [®] Tablet	carbamazepine ER capsule (generic for Carbatol [®])
carbamazepine tablet / suspension / chewable tablet / XR tablet (generic for Tegretol [®] / XR)	Carbatol [®] Capsule
Epogen [®] Capsule	Epogen [®] Tablet
eslicarbazepine suspension / tablet (generic for Neuron [®])	eslicarbazepine acetate Tablet (generic for Aptiom [®])
Oxcarbazepine XR Tablet	Oxcarbazepine ER (generic for Oxcarbazepine XR)
Tegretol [®] Suspension / Tablet / XR Tablet	Tegretol [®] Tablet
Tegretol [®] 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
Clobex [®] Capsule	Dyskove [®] ER Tablet / Sprinkle Capsule
Dilantin [®] Capsule / Infants / Suspension	Dyskove [®] Tablet
ethosuximide capsule / ER tablet / tablet (generic for Depakene [®] / ER / Sprinkle)	ethosuximide tablet (generic for Felbatol [®])
ethosuximide capsule / solution (generic for Zarontin [®])	methosuximide capsule (generic for Celontin [®])
ethosuximide suspension (generic for Felbatol [®])	Myoline [®] Tablet
Felbatol [®] Suspension / Tablet	Scalpa [®] Syal
phenobarbital tablet / oral / solution	Zeneca [®] Capsule / Solution
Phenotek [®] Capsule	
phenytoin chewable / extended capsules / infants / suspension (generic for Dilantin [®])	
phenytoin extended capsules (generic for Phenotek [®])	
primidone Tablet (generic for Mysoline [®])	
valproic acid capsule / solution (generic for Depakene [®])	

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NTM: Added peramppanel Tablet (generic for Fycompa®) to non-preferred
 OFF-CYCLE Change: Moved Epidiolex® Solution from preferred to non-preferred due to significant fiscal impact to the state
 Reconciliation: Added Gabarone™ Tablet and Diastat® Rectal Gel to non-preferred

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Plus may not apply additional utilization management or prior authorization criteria to this category		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
Pacheco TM Tablet-dose Pack		
Lapatinib TM Capsule		
Antivirals (Hepatitis B Agents)		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
entecavir tablet (generic for Baraclude [®])		
tenofovir tablet (generic for Hiverna [®])		
lamivudine HBY tablet (generic for Epivir [®] HBY)		
Baraclude [®] Solution / Tablet		
Viread [®] Tablet / Tablet		
Antivirals (Hepatitis C Agents)		
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Preferred		Non-Preferred
Pegassur [®] Syringe / Vial		
obeticholic acid [®] 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 [®])		
All genotypes without cirrhosis		
Mavyret [®] Tablet (12 weeks of therapy)		
Mavyret [®] Pellet Pack		
sofosbuvir-velpatasvir tablet (generic for Epclusa [®])		
sofosbuvir-velpatasvir tablet (generic for Epclusa [®])		
All genotypes with compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh-A)		
Mavyret [®] Tablet (12 to 12 weeks of therapy)		
Mavyret [®] Pellet Pack		
sofosbuvir-velpatasvir tablet (generic for Epclusa [®])		
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		
Vosevi [™] Tablet		
All genotypes with decompensated cirrhosis		
sofosbuvir-velpatasvir tablet (generic for Epclusa [®])		
Antivirals (Herpes Treatments)		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
acyclovir capsule / tablet / suspension (generic for Zovirax [®])		
famciclovir tablet (generic for Famvir [®])		
valacyclovir tablet (generic for Valtrex [®])		
Antivirals (Influenza)		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
oseltamivir phosphate capsule / suspension (generic for Tamiflu [®])		
oseltamivir tablet (generic for Tamiflu [®])		
oseltamivir [®] Tablet		
Relenza [®] Inhaler		
Tamiflu [®] Capsule / Suspension		
Nelfin [™] Tablet - T/F of amb-are preferred drug required		

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Open class-No recommendations

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INJECTABLE ANTIPSYCHOTICS		
Injectable Long Acting		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
Abilify Aconsulf [®] Syringe Kit		
Abilify Miansulf [®] Syringe / Vial		
Aristada [®] / Ariston [™] Syringe		
Extenet [®] (paliperidone phosphate) extended-release injectable suspension		
Haloperidol decanoate vial (generic for Prolixin decanoate [®])		
Halidol [®] decanoate Ampule		
Haloperidol decanoate sample / vial (generic for Halidol decanoate [®])		
Injecta [®] Risperidone Prefilled Syringe Kit		
Injecta [®] Seroquel Prefilled Syringe		
Injecta [®] Trinta Syringe		
Previa [®] Syringe		
Risperdal [®] Consta Vial		
risperidone ER vial (generic for Risperdal [®] Consta)		
Rylands [®] Vial / Vial Kit		
Unas [™] Syringe Kit		
Zyprexa [®] Risperex [™] Vial Kit		
ATYPICAL ANTIPSYCHOTICS		
Oral / Transdermal		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
aripiprazole Tablet / Solution (generic for Abilify [®])	Abilify [®] Tablet / Abilify [®] Mylan [®] Tablet	
clozapine XL tablet (generic for Suprax [®] XL)	aripiprazole ODT (generic for Abilify [®] Dissolve [®])	
clozapine tablet (generic for Clozaril [®])	Caphysa [™] Capsule	
lurasidone tablet (generic for Latuda [®])	clozapine ODT (generic for Fausto [®])	
olanzapine ODT /tablet (generic for Zyprexa [®])	Chang [®] Tablet	
risperidone ER tablet (generic for Invega [®])	Cobalt [®]	
sequaluna tablet / ER tablet (generic for Sequest [®] / XR)	Cobalt [®] Starter Pack	
risperidone ODT / solution / tablet (generic for Risperdal [®])	Faust [®] Tablet / Titration Pack	
Vivitor [®] Capsule	Gesche [®] Capsule	
risperidone capsule (generic for Gesche [®])	Invega [®] Tablet	
	Latuda [®] Tablet	
	Lubah [™] Tablet	
	Mylan [®] Tablet / Capsule	
	olanzapine Risperidone capsule (generic for Symbrava [®])	
	Quipax [®] (aripiprazole) Oral Film	
	Rexalin [®] Tablet / 7day Pack / 14-Day Pack	
	Risperdal [®] Solution / Tablet	
	Saphira [®] SL Tablet	
	Sequala [®] Patch	
	Sequest [®] Tablet / XR Tablet / XR Sample Kit	
	Seroquel [®] Suspension	
	Zyprexa [®] Tablet / Zypke [®] Tablet	
CARDIOVASCULAR		
ACE INHIBITORS		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
lisinopril tablet (generic for Lotensin [®])	Accupro [®] Tablet	
lisinopril tablet (generic for Vasotec [®])	Albion [®] Capsule	
lisinopril tablet (generic for Prinivil [®] and Zestril [®])	capoten [®] tablet (generic for Capoten [®])	
lisinopril capsule (generic for Albion [®])	enalapril solution (generic for Traseol [®]) - T/F of preferred agents not required for children < 12 years of age	
	Enalap [®] Solution - T/F of preferred agents not required for children < 12 years of age	
	lisinopril tablet (generic for Monopril [®])	
	Lotensin [®] Tablet	
	lisinopril tablet (generic for Ultrasec [®])	
	Obexin [®] Solution - T/F of preferred agents not required for children < 12 years of age	
	perindopril tablet (generic for Acron [®])	
	lisinopril tablet (generic for Accupro [®])	
	trandolapril tablet (generic for Mark [®])	
	Vasotec [®] Tablet	
	Zestril [®] Tablet	
ACE INHIBITOR / CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKER COMBINATIONS		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
amlodipine-lisinopril capsule (generic for Lotrel [®])	Lond [®] Capsule	
	trandolapril-verapamil ER tablet (generic for Tarka [®])	
ACE INHIBITOR / DIURETIC COMBINATIONS		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
lisinopril-HCTZ tablet (generic for Vasotec [®])	Accupro [®] Tablet	
lisinopril-HCTZ tablet (generic for Prinivil [®] / Zestril [®])	lisinopril-HCTZ tablet (generic for Lotensin [®] / HCT)	
	lisinopril-HCTZ tablet (generic for Capoten [®])	
	lisinopril-HCTZ tablet (generic for Monopril [®] / HCT)	
	Lotensin [®] HCT Tablet	
	lisinopril-HCTZ tablet (generic for Accupro [®] / Osimaren [®])	
	Vasotec [®] Tablet	
	Zestril [®] Tablet	
ANGIOTENSIN II RECEPTOR BLOCKERS		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
candesartan tablet (generic for Avapro [®])	Atacand [®] Tablet	
losartan tablet (generic for Coartem [®])	Avapro [®] Tablet	
losartan tablet (generic for Boscan [®])	Boscan [®] Tablet	
valsartan tablet (generic for Diovan [®])	canesartan tablet (generic for Atacand [®])	
	Cosme [®] Tablet	
	Diovan [®] Tablet	
	Elavac [®] Tablet	
	losartan tablet (generic for Tevetin [®])	
	Micardis [®] Tablet	
	valsartan tablet (generic for Mando [®])	
	valsartan oral solution	

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ANGIOTENSIN II RECEPTOR BLOCKER COMBINATIONS		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
azilsartan-diolazine tablet (generic for Aza [®])	Aza [®] Tablet	
azilsartan-valartan tablet (generic for Ezforge [®])	Ezforge [®] Tablet / HCT Tablet	
valsartan-amlodipine HCTZ tablet (generic for Tivesta [®])	valsartan-amlodipine tablet (generic for Tivesta [®])	
	Tivesta [®] Tablet	
	amlodipine-valsartan HCTZ tablet (generic for Ezforge [®] HCT)	
ANGIOTENSIN II RECEPTOR BLOCKER DIURETIC COMBINATIONS		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
atracurium HCTZ tablet (generic for Avail [®])	Atacur [®] HCT Tablet	
valsartan HCTZ tablet (generic for Brevia [®])	Avail [®] Tablet	
valsartan HCTZ tablet (generic for Brevia [®] HCT)	Brevia [®] HCT Tablet	
valsartan HCTZ tablet (generic for Divas [®] HCT)	valsartan HCT tablet (generic for Atacur [®] HCT)	
	Divas [®] Tablet	
	valsartan HCT Tablet	
	valsartan HCT Tablet	
	valsartan HCT Tablet	
	valsartan HCT Tablet	
	valsartan HCT Tablet	
ANGIOTENSIN II RECEPTOR / NEPRILYSIN BLOCKER COMBINATIONS		
Phas may not apply additional criterion management or prior authorization criteria to this category		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
Entresto [®] Tablet	Entresto [®] (sacubitril / valsartan) Sprinkle-Pellets T/F of preferred agents not required for children < 12 years of age	
	sacubitril and valsartan tablet (generic for Entresto [®])	
ANTI-ARRHYTHMICS		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
amiodarone tablet (generic for Cordarone [®])	Multa [®] Tablet	
dofetilide capsule (generic for Norpace [®])	Norpace [®] Capsule / CR Capsule	
dofetilide capsule (generic for Tafen [®])	Tafen [®] Tablet	
flecainide tablet (generic for Tambocor [®])	valsartan-amlodipine ER tablet (generic for Ocinaplate DuetTab [®])	
flecainide capsule (generic for Mele [®])	Tafen [®] Capsule	
propafenone tablet (generic for Rythmo [®])		
propafenone ER capsule (generic for Rythmo ER [®])		
propafenone sulfate tablet (generic for Quasid [®] Tablet)		
BETA BLOCKERS		
Phas may not apply additional criterion management or prior authorization criteria to this category		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
atenolol tablet (generic for Tenormin [®])	atenolol capsule (generic for Sotalol [®])	
bisoprolol tablet (generic for Zebeta [®])	Bisopros [®] Tablet / AF Tablet	
carvedilol tablet (generic for Coreg [®])	carvedilol tablet (generic for Kerlone [®])	
Humalog [®] Solution	Bisopros [®] Tablet	
labetalol tablet (generic for Trandate [®])	labetalol ER capsule (generic for Coreg [®] CR Capsule)	
metoprolol succinate XL tablet (generic for Toprol XL [®])	Coreg [®] Tablet / CR Capsule	
metoprolol tartrate tablet (generic for Lopressor [®])	Indin [®] LA Capsule / XL Capsule	
nadolol tablet (generic for Corgard [®])	Unomax [®] XL Capsule	
sotalol tablet (generic for Bystolic [®])	Eupapros [®] Sprinkle - T/F of preferred agents not required for children < 12 years of age	
propranolol solution / tablet / ER capsule (generic for Inderal [®])	Lopressor [®] Tablet	
Scio [®] Tablet	atenolol tablet (generic for Viotam [®])	
sotalol tablet / AF tablet (generic for Betapace [®] / AF, Scio [®])	Scio [®] Solution	
	Tenormin [®] Tablet	
	atenolol tablet (generic for Bisodol [®])	
	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 Zio [®])	propranolol HCTZ tablet (generic for Inderal [®])	
	Tenoretic [®] Tablet	
	Zio [®] Tablet	
BILE ACID SEQUESTRANTS		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
cholestyramine packet / powder / light packet / light powder (generic for Questran [®] / Questran [®] Light)	colesevelam packet / tablet (generic for Welchol [®])	
colesevelam tablet (generic for Colson [®] Tablet)	Colson [®] Granules / Tablet	
	colesevelam granules (generic for Colson [®])	
	Questran [®] Packet / Powder	
	Questran [®] Light Powder / Packet / Powder	
	Welchol [®] Packet / Tablet	
CHOLESTEROL LOWERING AGENTS		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
atorvastatin tablet (generic for Lipitor [®])	Atorvos [®] Tablet	
carmustine (generic for Zelan [®])	amlodipine-atorvastatin tablet (generic for Caduet [®])	
ezetimibe (generic for Zetia [®])	Atorvos [®] Suspension	
ezetimibe-simvastatin tablet (generic for Merz [®])	Caduet [®] Tablet	
ezetimibe tablet (generic for Provasol [®])	Caduet [®] Capsule	
ezetimibe tablet (generic for Crestor [®])	ezetimibe-simvastatin (generic for Vytorin [®])	
ezetimibe tablet (generic for Zoscor [®])	Phosph [®] (simvastatin) Suspension - T/F of preferred agents not required for children < 12 years of age	
	ezetimibe capsule / ER tablet (generic for Livalo [®] / XL)	
	ezetimibe Capsule - Clinical criteria apply	
	Ezetol [®] XL Tablet	
	Livalo [®] Tablet	
	Livalo [®] Tablet - T/F of preferred agents not required with concomitant antiretroviral therapy in patients diagnosed with HIV	
	Necotel [®] Tablet - Clinical criteria apply	
	Necotel [®] Tablet - Clinical criteria apply	
	ezetimibe tablet (generic for Livalo [®]) - T/F of preferred agents not required with concomitant antiretroviral therapy in patients diagnosed with HIV	
	Vytorin [®] Tablet	
	Zetia [®] Tablet	
	Zoscor [®] Tablet	
	Zoscor [®] Tablet	
CORONARY VASODILATORS		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
isosorbide dinitrate tablet (generic for Isordil [®] / Trinitone [®] / Isordilone [®] , et al.)	Genko [®] Sublingual Powder	
isosorbide mononitrate tablet / ER tablet (generic for Ismo [®] / Monokel [®] / Ismo [®])	Isordil [®] Tablet / Trinitone [®] Tablet	
nitroglycerin patch / spray / SL tablet (generic for Nitro-Dur [®] / Nitrostat [®] / Nitrostat [®] , et al.)	Nitro-Bid [®] Ointment	
Nitrogel [®] SL Tablet	Nitro-Dur [®] Patch	
	nitroglycerin ointment (generic for Nitro-Bid [®])	
	Nitrogel [®] Spray	
	Nitrostat [®] Tablet	
DIHYDROPYRIDINE / CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS		
Phas may not apply additional criterion management or prior authorization criteria to this category		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
amlodipine tablet (generic for Norvasc [®])	felodipine ER tablet (generic for Plendil [®])	
amlodipine capsule (generic for Procardia [®])	amlodipine capsule (generic for Diltiazem [®])	
amlodipine ER tablet (generic for Amlate CC [®] / Procardia XL [®])	Ezetimibe [®] Suspension - T/F of preferred agents not required for children < 12 years of age	
Norbecol [®] Solution	felodipine tablet (generic for Cardene [®])	
	amlodipine capsule (generic for Cardene [®])	
	amlodipine capsule (generic for Norvasc [®])	
	amlodipine capsules	
	amlodipine ER tablet (generic for Silar [®])	
	Norvasc [®] Tablet	
	Norvasc [®] Solution / oral syringe	
	Procardia [®] XL Tablet	
	Silar [®] Tablet	
DIRECT RENIN INHIBITOR		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
Edurne [®] Tablet	edurne tablet (generic for Tekturna [®] Tablet)	
Edurne [®] HCT Tablet		
ENDOTHELIN RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS		
Reserved for diagnosis of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension only		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
ambrisentan tablet (generic for Letairis [®] Tablet)	ambrisentan tablet (generic for Letairis [®])	
Tracleer [®] Tablet	Letairis [®] Tablet	
	Dutaster [®] Tablet	
	Onvaso [®] Tablet	
	Tracleer [®] Suspension	
INHIBIT PROS-TACLYLIN ANALOGS		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
Tyvaso [®] Refill Kit / Solution / Starter Kit	Tyvaso [®] DPI	
Tyvaso [®] Solution		
NIAIN DERIVATIVES		
niacin ER tablet (generic for Niaspan [®])		
NITRATE COMBINATION		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
Bidil [®] Tablet	isosorbide dinitrate/hydralazine tablet (generic for Bidil [®])	

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Copaxone® Syringe 20 MG/ML	gabapentin syringe 20 MG/ML (generic for Copaxone® Syringe)
gabapentin syringe 40 MG/ML (generic for Copaxone® Syringe)	Glaxo® Syringe
Glaxo® Pen	Lamivudine Vial
Relbun® Relbun® / Transition Pack / Syringe	Ocrevus® Vial - T/F of preferred agents not required for diagnosis of Primary Progressive MS (PPMS)
	Ocrevus® Zovavox Vial T/F of preferred agents not required for diagnosis of Primary Progressive MS (PPMS)
	Plavix® Pen / Pen Starter Pack / Syringe / Syringe Starter Pack
	Truvada® Vial

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Open class-No recommendations

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Long Acting Insulin		
Plans may not apply additional utilization management or prior authorization criteria to this category		
T/F of only one preferred drug required; Prior authorization is required for NP insulins. Prior authorizations may be valid for up to 3 years for beneficiaries with Type 1 Diabetes.		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
insulin glargine vial / SoloStar [®] (authorized biologic for Lantus)		Insuglar [®] U-100 KwikPen [®]
Lantus [®] SoloStar [®] / Vial		insulin degludec pen / vial (generic for Tresiba [®])
		insulin glargine SoloStar [®] / Mix SoloStar [®] (generic for Toujeo [®])
		insulin glargine-yfgn pen / vial (generic for Semglee [®] / yfgn)
		Levemir [®] / FlexPen [®] / FlexTouch [®] / Vial
		Novolog [®] / KwikPen [®]
		Semglee [®] / Upen Pen / Vial
		Toujeo [®] SoloStar [®] / Mix SoloStar [®]
		Tresiba [®] / FlexTouch [®] / Vial
Premixed Rapid Combination Insulin		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
T/F of only one preferred drug required; Prior authorization is required for NP insulins. Prior authorizations may be valid for up to 3 years for beneficiaries with Type 1 Diabetes.		
insulin lispro protamine 75/25 KwikPen [®] (generic for Humalog [®] 75/25 Mix)		Humalog [®] 75/25 Mix KwikPen [®]
		Humalog [®] 50/50 Mix KwikPen [®]
		Humalog [®] 75/25 Vial
Premixed 70/30 Combination Insulin		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
T/F of only one preferred drug required; Prior authorization is required for NP insulins. Prior authorizations may be valid for up to 3 years for beneficiaries with Type 1 Diabetes.		
insulin aspart protamine-aspart 70/30 U-100 FlexPen [®] (generic for Novolog [®] Mix 70/30)		Novolog [®] 70/30 FlexPen [®] / Vial
Humalog [®] 70/30 KwikPen [®] / Vial		Betion Novolog [®] 70/30 Vial
		Betion Novolog [®] human insulin NPH / human insulin 70/30 FlexPen [®]
		Novolog [®] Mix 70/30 Vial / FlexTouch [®]
		Betion Novolog [®] human insulin NPH / human insulin 70/30 FlexPen [®]
		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
Trisulin [®] Pen Injector		
GLP-1 Receptor Agonists and Combinations indicated for the treatment of Diabetes		
Plans may not apply additional utilization management or prior authorization criteria to this category		
Clinical criteria apply to all drugs in this class		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
Bimote [®] Pen		Bimotev [®] / BCom [™]
Treklyn [®] Pen		exenatide Pen (generic for Byetta [®])
Vicore [®] Pen		liraglutide pen (generic for Victoza [®])
Qtern [®] Pen		Mounario [®] Pen
		Rybelsus [®] Tablet
		Saxenda [®] Pen
		Saxenda [®] 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		
glipizide extended-release tablet (generic for Microvasc [®] / Glucose [®])		
glipizide tablet (generic for Diabeta [®])		
Glucose [®] Tablets		
Alpha-Glucosidase Inhibitors		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
acarbose tablet (generic for Precose [®])		acarbose tablet (generic for Glyset [®])
		Precose [®] Tablet
Biguanides and Combinations		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
glimepiride-metformin tablet (generic for Minidurin [®])		Glimepiride Tablet ** requires documentation as to why the beneficiary cannot use preferred biguanide metformin product
glipizide-metformin tablet (generic for Glucovance [®])		metformin solution (generic for Formet [®]) , 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 Glucotrol [®])
		Formet [®] Solution
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
Januvia [®] Tablets / XR Tablets		alogliptin tablet (generic for Nivesta [®])
Januvia [®] Tablet		alogliptin-metformin tablet (generic for Kevmo [®])
Januvia [®] Tablet / XR Tablet		alogliptin-pioglitazone tablet (generic for Osem [®])
Qtern [®] Tablet		Byetta [®] Solution
Tricor [®] Tablet		ER novolog [®] Tablet
		Kevmo [®] Tablet
		Kevmo [®] XR Tablet
		Nivesta [®] Tablet
		Osem [®] Tablet
		Qtern [®] Tablet
		osimertinib tablet (generic for Osimert [®])
		osimertinib-metformin ER tablet (generic for Kevmo [®] XR)
		osimertinib-metformin ER Tablet (generic for Zimovast [®] XR)
		osimertinib tablet (generic for Januvia [®])
		osimertinib-metformin tablet (generic for Zimovast [®])
		Novolog [®] Tablet
		Triajudy [®] XR Tablet
		Zimovast [®]
		Zimovast [®] XR
		Zimovast [®] Tablet
Meprilins		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
osimertinib tablet (generic for Osimert [®])		
osimertinib tablet (generic for Prandis [®])		

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SGLT-2 Inhibitors and Combinations		
Plans may not apply additional selection management or prior authorization criteria to this category		
Clinical criteria apply to all drugs in this class		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
Farxiga [®] Tablet	Jagdiflozin tablet (generic for Farxiga [®])	
Jardiance [®] Tablet	Jagdiflozin / metformin ER tablet (generic for Stages [®] XR)	
Stages [®] Tablet	Jardic [®] Tablet	
Stages [®] XR Tablet	Jardiance [®] Tablet / XR Tablet	
Stages [®] XR Tablet	Jardiance [®] Tablet	Open class-No recommendations
	Stages [®] Tablet	
	Stages [®] Tablet	
Thiazolidinediones and Combinations		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
pioglitazone tablet (generic for Actos [®])	ActoPlus Met [®] Tablet	
	Actos [®] Tablet	
	Glucotrol [®] Tablet	
	pioglitazone-glimepiride tablet (generic for Duetac [®])	
	pioglitazone-metformin tablet (generic for ActoPlus Met [®])	
GASTROINTESTINAL		
ANTIEMETIC-ANTIVERTIGO AGENTS		
Plans may not apply additional selection management or prior authorization criteria to this category		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
ondansetron capsule (generic for Emend [®]) - Clinical criteria apply	Metosim [®] Capsule / Vial	
Diclofenac [®] Tablet	Antivert [®] Tablet / Chewable Tablet	
metoclopramide tablet (generic for Reglan [®])	Antivert [®] Tablet	
metoclopramide solution / tablet (generic for Reglan [®])	Apocritin [®] Vial	
ondansetron ODT 8mg and 16mg solution / tablet (generic for Zofran [®])	apocritin pack (generic for Emend [®]) - Clinical criteria apply	
prochlorperazine tablet (generic for Compazine [®])	Stemetil [®] Vial	
promethazine syrup / suppository (12.5 mg and 25 mg) / tablet / ampule / vial (generic for Phenergan [®])	Stemetil [®] Tablet	
Prochlorperazine [®] Intramuscular Suppositories (12.5 mg and 25 mg)	Traxam [®] Vial	
transdermal patch (generic for Transderm Scop [®])	Compas [®] Suppository	
Transderm Scop [®] Patch	dimethylhydrat vial (generic for Dramamine [®])	
	doxylamine-pyridostyline tablet (generic for Diclegis [®])	
	doxylamine [®] capsule (generic for Minomel [®])	
	Emend [®] Capsule / Powder Packet / Trifold Pack - Clinical criteria apply	
	Emend [®] Vial	
	Fosivert [®] (fosaprepitant) Vial	
	fosaprepitant vial (generic for Fosivert [®])	
	Glaxol [®] Nasal Spray	
	granisetron vial / tablet (generic for Kerlax [®])	
	Morbid [®] Capsule	
	metoclopramide vial	
	ondansetron ODT (16 mg)	
	ondansetron vial	
	ondansetron injection (generic for Alon [®])	
	Phenergan [®] Ampule / Vial	
	Proclon [®] W Vial	
	promethazine vial / suppository (generic for Compazine [®])	
	Promethazine [®] Suppositories (10 mg)	
	Reglan [®] Tablet	
	Succin [®] Patch	
	Succin [®] Syringe	
	Tigan [®] Vial	
	trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole capsule (generic for Triam [®])	
BILE ACID SALTS		
T/F of only one preferred drug required		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
ursodiol capsule (generic for Actigal [®])	Belvon [®] Capsule / Pellet - T/F of preferred agents not required for diagnosis of PBC	
ursodiol tablet (generic for Ursol [®])	Chenodal [®] Tablet	
	Choban [®] Capsule	
	Crest [®] Tablet	
	igrua [®] (edifenbano) Tablet	
	Livdel [®] Capsule	
	Livonax [®] Oral Solution/ Tablet	
	Oxobac [®] Tablet	
	Relson [®] Capsule	
	Ursol [®] Tablet	
H. PYLORI COMBINATIONS		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
Pylori [®] Capsule	bismuth / metronidazole / tetracycline capsule (generic for Pylori [®])	
	amoxicillin-clavulanic acid-chlorhexidine pack (generic for Percept [®])	
	Omeclavac [®] Pk [®] Combo Pack	
	Talac [®] Capsule	
	Vioquest [®] Tablet / Dual Pak / Triple Pak	
HISTAMINE-2 RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
famotidine tablet / suspension (generic for Pepcid [®])	cimetidine tablet (generic for Tagamet [®])	
	cimetidine solution (generic for Tagamet [®])	
	cimetidine capsule (generic for Antul [®])	
	Pepcid [®] Tablet	
PANCREATIC ENZYMES		
Plans may not apply additional selection management or prior authorization criteria to this category		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
Creon [®] Capsule	Proton [®] Capsule	
VioKase [®] Tablet		
Zenpep [®] Capsule		
Preferred	PROGESTINS USED FOR CACHEXIA	Non-Preferred
megestrol suspension / tablet (generic for Megace [®])	megestrol ES suspension (generic for Megace [®] ES)	

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NTM: Added Tezruly™ Oral Solution to non-preferred

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NTM: Added Ryzneuta® Syringe to non-preferred

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Reconciliation: Added Levofloxacin Drops (Generic for Levaquin®) to non-preferred

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Preferred		ANTI-INFLAMMATORY	
diclofenac drops (generic for Diclofenac [®])		Non-Preferred	
diclofenac drops (generic for Voltaren [®])		Acetol [®] Drops / LS Solution	
difluprednate drops (generic for Diflupred [®])		Acetol [®] Solution	
Fluor [®] Drops		bromfenac drops (generic for Profenia [®] , Sibron [®] , Bromfen [®])	
fluorometholone drops (generic for FML [®])		Bromfen [®] Solution	
fluoroprednisolone drops (generic for Ocufen [®])		Dexamet [®] Insert	
Lotemax [®] Drops		Dexamet [®] Drops	
Nevanex [®] Dispenser		Filt [®] Forte Drops / Liquifilm [®] Drops	
Pred MML [®] Drops		Hera [®] Drops	
prednisolone acetate drops (generic for Pred Forte [®])		Hera [®] Insert	
		Iceryth [®] Drops	
		ketorolac solution (generic for Acular [®] , Lili)	
		Lotemax [®] Gel / EM Gel / Ointment	
		unprescribed drops / gel (generic for Lotemax [®])	
		Moxilac [®] Drops	
		Oxandol [®] Implant	
		Pred Forte [®] Drops	
		prednisolone sodium phosphate drops (generic for Inflammase Forte [®])	
		Predmax [®] Drops	
		Restasis [®] Implant	
		Tricenece [®] Vial	
		Xipreg [®] (intravitreal)	
		Xipreg [®] Implant	
Preferred		ANTI-INFLAMMATORY / IMMUNOMODULATOR	
Restasis [®] Drops		Plasma may not apply additional selection management or prior authorization criteria to this category	
Xipreg [®] Drops		Non-Preferred	
NTM: Added Tryptyr [®] Drops to non-preferred		Crestal [®] Drops	
		cyclosporine emulsion (generic for Restasis [®])	
		Evans [®] Drops	
		Maltol [®] Drops	
		Restasis [®] Multidose [™] Drops	
		Tryptyr [®] Drops	
		Tryptyr [®] Trial Drops	
		Vibranol [®] Eye Emulsion - YR of preferred agents not required for diagnosis of vernal keratoconjunctivitis (VKC)	
		Vivacy [®] Drops	
Preferred		ALPHA 2 ADRENERGIC AGENTS	
Alphagan [®] P Drops		Non-Preferred	
brimonidine drops (generic for Alphagan [®])		brimonidine drops (generic for Iopidine [®])	
		brimonidine P drops (generic for Alphagan [®] P)	
		Iopidine [®] Drops	
Preferred		BETA BLOCKER AGENTS / COMBINATIONS	
Combigan [®] Drops		Non-Preferred	
timolol drops (GFS gel solution (generic for Timoptic [®] / Timoptic XL [®])		betaxolol drops (generic for Betagan [®])	
		betaxolol [®] Drops	
		Betagan [®] S Drops	
		brimonidine tartrate / timolol drops (generic for Combigan [®])	
		carvedilol drops (generic for Ocuvasc [®])	
		Combigan [®] Drops	
		evodolol drops (generic for Betagan [®])	
		timolol hydrochloride (generic for Betimex [®] drops)	
		timolol drop (generic for Iopidol [®] Drops)	
		timolol multiple drop (generic for Timoptic [®] / Ocuvasc [®] Drops)	
Preferred		CARBONIC ANHYDRASE INHIBITORS / COMBINATIONS	
dorzolamide drops (generic for Trusopt [®])		Non-Preferred	
dorzolamide timolol drops (generic for Cosopt [®])		Acetol [®] Drops	
Trusopt [®] Drops		brimonidine drops (generic for Acetol [®] Drops)	
		Cosopt [®] Drops / PF Drops	
		dorzolamide-timolol PF drops (generic for Cosopt [®] PF)	
		Open class-No recommendations	
Preferred		PROSTAGLANDIN AGONISTS	
latanoprost drops (generic for Xalatan [®])		Non-Preferred	
Travatan [®] Z Drops		latanoprost drops (generic for Lumigan [®] Drops)	
		Dexamet [®] Implant	
		Evo [®] TR Implant	
		Itrav [®] Drops	
		Lumigan [®] Drops	
		latanoprost drops (generic for Travatan [®])	
		latanoprost drops (generic for Travatan [®] Z)	
		Vivanta [®] Drops	
		Xalatan [®] Drops	
		Xalatan [®] Drops	
		Zirgan [®] Drops	
Preferred		RHO KINASE MODIFIERS / COMBINATIONS	
Bimatoprost [®] Drops		Plasma may not apply additional selection management or prior authorization criteria to this category	
Bimatoprost [®] Drops		Non-Preferred	
Preferred		OSTEOPOROSIS	
Preferred		BONE RESORPTION SUPPRESSION AND RELATED AGENTS	
alendronate tablet (generic for Fosamax [®])		Non-Preferred	
Fosamax [®] Pen		Acetazol [®] Tablet	
calcitonin tablet (generic for Evista [®])		alendronate solution (generic for Fosamax [®] Solution)	
		Acetazol [®] Tablet	
		Bimac [®] Effervescent Tablet	
		Bimac [®] Pen Injector	
		calcitonin salmon nasal spray (generic for Miacalcin [®])	
		Evista [®] Syringe	
		Evista [®] Tablet	
		Fosamax [®] Tablet / Phos D Tablet	
		hydrocortisone tablet (generic for Bimac [®])	
		Pibbrol [®] Syringe	
		Pibbrol [®] Syringe	
		prednisolone DR tablet (generic for Activa [®])	
		prednisolone tablet (generic for Activa [®])	
		separatide pen (generic for Forteo [®])	
		Tymlos [®] Pen	

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		Vasom [®] Ointment - C Red criteria apply
		ANTIPARASITICS
		Plus may not apply additional criterion management or prior authorization criteria to this category
		T/F of only one preferred drug required
Preferred		Non-Preferred
Natasha [®] Topical Suspension <i>(permethrin cream (generic for Elanik[®]))</i>		Crotan [®] Lotion Eltan [®] Cream Eltan [®] Cream / Lotion
NTM: Pruradik [™] Lotion to non-preferred		Imilac [®] Minoxidil moxidone lotion (generic for Oxide [®]) Oxide [®] Lotion Pruradik [™] Lotion
		Skint [®] Lotion
		topical topical suspension (generic for Natasha [®])
		ANTIVIRAL
Preferred		Non-Preferred
Acyclovir Cream (Ointment) (generic for Zovirax [®]) Denavir [®] Cream		Acyclovir cream (generic for Denavir [®]) Scizivir [®] Cream Zovirax [®] Cream / Ointment
		Imidazoquinolines
Preferred		Non-Preferred
Imiquimod cream packet (generic for Aldara [®])		Condylox [®] Gel Elytra [®] Gel Imiquimod cream / cream pump (generic for Zylker [®]) podofilox gel / solution (generic for Condylox [®]) Veregen [®] Ointment Zylker [®] Cream / Cream Pump
		PSORIASIS
Preferred		Non-Preferred
calcipotriene cream / solution (generic for Dovonex [®]) calcipotriene/betamethasone suspension / ointment (generic for Talcort [®])		calcipotriene ointment / foam (generic for Dovonex [®] , Sorilux [®]) calcipotriene ointment (generic for Vectical [®]) DuoEpi [™] Lotion Eucella [®] Foam Sorilux [®] Foam Talcort [®] Ointment / Suspension Vectical Ointment Vimri [®] Cream Zoryve [®] 0.3% Cream / Foam

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ROSACEA AGENTS	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
azelaic acid gel (generic for Finacea [®])	benzoyl peroxide gel pump (generic for Mavado [®])
Finacea [®] Gel	Epigely [®] (benzoyl peroxide)
metronidazole cream (generic for MetroCream [®])	Finacea [®] Foam
metronidazole gel / pump (generic for MetroGel [®])	terramycin cream (generic for Soolantra [®])
Soolantra [®] Cream / Gel	MetroCream [®]
Reconciliation: Added Soolantra [®] Cream to non-preferred	MetroGel [®]
	metronidazole lotion (generic for MetroLotion [®])
	Mavado [®] (benzoyl peroxide)
	Norlate [®] Cream
	Rioflair [®] Cream
	Rozacne [®] Kit
	Soolantra [®] Cream
STEROIDS	
Low Potency	
Fluocinolone may not apply additional selection management or prior authorization criteria to this category	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
fluocinonide cream / ointment (generic for Dacortin [®])	alkylmonostene dipropionate cream / ointment (generic for Advexon [®])
DermaSmoother [®] FS Scalp and Body Oil	Capeo [®]
Off-cycle change: DermaSmoother [®] FS Scalp and Body Oil was moved from non-preferred to preferred for patient safety	
Moved fluocinolone body / scalp oil (generic for DermaSmoother [®] FS Scalp / Body Oil) from preferred to non-preferred	
	fluocinolone lotion (generic for Dacortin [®] Lotion)
	fluocinolone body / scalp oil (generic for DermaSmoother [®] FS Scalp / Body Oil)
	fluocinolone solution
	Hydrocort [®] Gel
	Tecusan [®] Solution
Medium Potency	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
fluocinonide cream / ointment (generic for Cutivate [®])	Obex [®] Lotion / Kit
fluocinonide cream / ointment / solution (generic for Fluon [®])	Acetone cream (generic for Chlorin [®])
	Chlorin [®] Cream / Pump
	fluocinonide cream / ointment / solution (generic for Fluon [®])
	fluocinonide Lotion / Ointment
	fluocinonide lotion (generic for Cutivate [®] Lotion)
	fluocinonide hydrocort [®] cream / gel / cream / lotion / ointment / solution (generic for Locoid [®])
	fluocinonide valerate cream / ointment (generic for Wexlan [®])
	Locoid [®] Lipocream / Lotion
	Psoral [®] Cream
	prednisolone cream / ointment (generic for Denimay [®])
	Synala [®] Cream / Ointment / Kit / Solution / FS Kit
High Potency	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
betamethasone valerate cream / ointment (generic for Valisone [®])	amcinonide cream (generic for Cyclocort [®])
fluocinonide cream / gel / ointment / solution (generic for Lidel [®])	betamethasone dipropionate anemized cream / gel / lotion / ointment (generic for Dercortin [®])
betamethasone valerate cream / lotion / ointment (generic for Kenalog [®])	betamethasone dipropionate cream / lotion / ointment (generic for Diprenone [®])
	betamethasone valerate foam / lotion (generic for Valisone [®])
	betamethasone cream / gel / ointment / spray (generic for Topicort [®])
	diffamycin cream / ointment (generic for Dermis [®])
	Dercortin [®] Ointment
	fluocinonide emollient cream (generic for Lidel [®] E)
	fluocinonide cream (generic for Halar [®])
	fluocinonide solution (generic for Halar [®])
	Halar [®] Cream / Ointment
	Kenalog [®] Spray
	Kenalog [®] Cream / Gel / Ointment / Spray
	minimethasone spray (generic for Kenalog [®])
	Vanco [®] Cream
Very High Potency	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
adefovir cream / emollient cream / gel / ointment (generic for Temovate [®])	ApexCort [®] E Cream
adefovir cream / emollient cream / gel / ointment (generic for Valisone [®])	Brilux [®] Lotion
adefovir cream (generic for Corten [®])	adefovir foam / emollient foam / emulsion foam (generic for Obex [®] / Obex E [®])
adefovir propionate cream / ointment (generic for Ultravate [®])	adefovir lotion / spray (generic for Clotel [®])
	Clotel [®] Chlorine / Spray
	Clotel [®] Kit / Ointment
	adefovir propionate foam (generic for Lactan [®])
	Impeck [®] Lotion
	Lactan [®] Foam
	Temovate [®] Ointment
	Tavel [®] Foam / Foam Kit
	Ultravate [®] Lotion
MISCELLANEOUS	
Uterine Disorder Treatments	
Fluocinolone may not apply additional selection management or prior authorization criteria to this category	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Oralton [®] Capsule	
Oralton [®] Tablet	
Myfemine [®] Tablet	
Uterine Disorder Treatments, Oral	
Fluocinolone may not apply additional selection management or prior authorization criteria to this category	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Carbapen [®] Tablet for oral suspension	Buphen [®] Tablet/Powder
	Carbapen [®] Tablet for oral suspension (generic for Carbapen [®])
	Obex [®] Suspension
	Pheburane [®] Oral Pellets
	Ravix [®] Liquid T/F of preferred drug is not required for Uterine cycle disorder
	solifen phenylbutyrate Tablet/Powder (generic for Buphen [®])
WEIGHT MANAGEMENT AGENTS	
Weight Management (Non-Incretin Mimetics)	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
acetylphenacetin tablet / ER tablet	benzphetamine tablet
phenylacetate tablet / ER capsule	celastrol capsule (generic for Xenical [®])
phenylacetate tablet / capsule	phenylacetate capsule (generic for Xenical [®])
	Nicotin [®] (nicotinic) Capsule
IMMUNOMODULATORS, ASTHMA	
Fluocinolone may not apply additional selection management or prior authorization criteria to this category	
Clinical criteria apply to all drugs in this class	
Preferred	Non-Preferred
Fluticasone [®] Pen / Syringe	Cinquin [®] Vial
Fluticasone [®] Inhaler / Syringe	Nasal [®] Syringe / Vial / Autoinjector
	Fluticasone [®] Pen / Syringe - T/F of preferred agents not required for diagnosis of non-asthma, non-emphysema, severe asthma
	Nasal [®] Vial

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Moved Zoryve® (roflumilast) 0.3% foam from Immunomodulators, atopic dermatitis to Psoriasis

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Plans may not apply additional utilization management or prior authorization criteria to this category.

NTM: Added Tmfya[®] Pen Induction PK-Crohn and ustekinumab-aekn syringe (generic for Stelara[®]/Selarsdi B[™]), Selarsdi[™] Syringe, ustekinumab Vial / Syringe (generic for Stelara[®]), Imulodsa[™] Syringe/Vial, Steqeyma[™] Syringe and Ustekinumab-twe Vial / Syringe (generic for Pychiza[®]) to non-preferred

Moved Cibingo[™] Tablet to Immunomodulator, Atopic Dermatitis

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HEREDITARY ANGIOEDEMA (HAE) PROPHYLAXIS AGENTS		
Plans may not apply additional selection management or prior authorization criteria to this category		
Clinical criteria apply to all drugs in this class		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
Hydrala [®] Vial	Cinrya [®] Vial	
Hydrala [®] Capsule	Takren [®] Vial / Syringe	
HEREDITARY ANGIOEDEMA (HAE) TREATMENT AGENTS		
Plans may not apply additional selection management or prior authorization criteria to this category		
Clinical criteria apply to all drugs in this class		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
Beasert [®] Vial / Kit subcutaneous injection (generic for Fraxip) [®]	Fraxip [®] Syringe Beasert [®] Vial	
Relbion [®] Vial		
Siquar [®] Syringe (banded generic for Relbion)		
OPKOID ANTAGONISTS		
Plans may not apply additional selection management or prior authorization criteria to this category		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
Alavoco [™] Nasal Spray		
LeRIME [®] subcutaneous Syringe Kit		
subcutaneous nasal spray (OTC)		
subcutaneous syringe / spray / vial (generic for Narcan [®])		
subcutaneous tablet		
Narcan [®] Nasal Spray (OTC)		
Opave [™] Nasal Spray		
Rebivay [™] (intranasal) Nasal Spray		
Vivinal [®] Vial / Diluent		
Zenbu [®] Syringe		
OPKOID DEPENDENCE		
Plans may not apply additional selection management or prior authorization criteria to this category		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
Prior Approval Not Required for Coverage of Preferred Agents		Clinical Criteria Apply to Non-Preferred Agents
Brand [™] Weekly Syringe / Monthly Syringe	Suboxone [®] sublingual SL film (generic for Suboxone [®])	
Suboxone [®] sublingual SL tablet (generic for Suboxone [®])	Levodopa Tablet T/F of preferred agents not required for diagnosis of opioid withdrawal	
Suboxone [®] SL tablet (generic for Suboxone [®])	Lacovone [®] Tablet - T/F of preferred agents not required for diagnosis of opioid withdrawal	
Suboxone [®] SL Film	Zubax [®] Tablet SL	
Suboxone [®] Syringe		
SKELETAL MUSCLE RELAXANTS		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
baclofen tablet (generic for Lioresal [®])	Amrix [®] IR Capsule	
cyclobenzaprine tablet (generic for Flexon [®])	baclofen oral solution	
methocarbamol tablet (generic for Robaxin [®])	baclofen suspension (generic for Flexiquary [™])	
tizanidine tablet (generic for Zanaflex [®])	chlorzoxazone tablet (generic for Paraflex Forte [™])	
	cyclobenzaprine IR capsule (generic for Amrix [®] IR)	
	Dantrolene [®] Capsule / Vial	
	dantrolene sodium capsule (generic for Dantrolene [®])	
	Flexum [®] Tablet	
	Flexiquary [™] Suspension	
	Lioresal [®] Tablet	
	Lysivap [®] Granule Packet	
	metaxalone tablet (generic for Skelaxin [®])	
	Norgisic [®] Tablet / Forte Tablet	
	orphenadrine capsule / caffeine tablet (generic for Norgisic [®])	
	orphenadrine elixir tablet / vial (generic for Norflex [®])	
	Orphenadrine [®] Forte Tablet	
	Robaxin [®] Vial	
	Tizanidine [®] Tablet	
	tizanidine capsules (generic for Zanaflex [®])	
	Zanaflex [®] Capsule / Tablet	
DISPOSABLE INSULIN DELIVERY DEVICES		
Plans may not apply additional selection management or prior authorization criteria to this category		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
CeQuir Simplicity [™]		
CeQuir Simplicity [™] Insuline		
Insulin Infusion Kit		NTM: Added Ilet infusion Kit and starter kit to preferred
Insulin Starter Kit		
OmniPod 541 Dual27G6 Insulin Kit/Pods (GEN5), PSL2 G6 Insulin Kit/Pods		
OmniPod DASH [®] Pods (V-Pods) / Insulin Kit		
OmniPod G6 [®] Pods		
DIABETIC CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITOR SUPPLIES		
Continuous Glucose Monitor Transmitters / Receivers / Readers		
Plans may not apply additional selection management or prior authorization criteria to this category		
Clinical criteria apply to all items in this class		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
Deacon C6 [®] Transmitter / Receiver	FreeStyle Libre [™] 14-day Reader	
Deacon G7 [®] Receiver		
FreeStyle Libre [™] 2 Reader		
FreeStyle Libre [™] 3 Reader		
Continuous Glucose Monitor Sensors		
Plans may not apply additional selection management or prior authorization criteria to this category		
Clinical criteria apply to all items in this class		
Preferred		Non-Preferred
FreeStyle Libre [™] 2 Sensor	FreeStyle Libre [™] 14-day Sensor	
FreeStyle Libre [™] 2 Plus Sensor		
FreeStyle Libre [™] 3 Sensor		
FreeStyle Libre [™] 3 Plus Sensor		
Deacon C6 [®] Sensor		
Deacon G7 [®] Sensor		
DIABETIC SUPPLIES		
Plans may not apply additional selection management or prior authorization criteria to this category		
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 (dualy 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 [®] Softclix lancing device kit (Black)
ACCU-CHEK [®] Guide M6 Retail care kit * (see above for billing)		ACCU-CHEK [®] Fastclix lancing device kit
Test Strips		Control Solutions
ACCU-CHEK [®] AVIVA PLUS 50 ct test strips		ACCU-CHEK [®] Activa glucose control solution (2 levels)
ACCU-CHEK [®] SMARTVIEW 50 ct test strips		ACCU-CHEK [®] SmartView glucose control solution (1 levels)
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 [®] Softclix 100 ct Lancets		
ACCU-CHEK [®] Fastclix 100 ct Lancets		