

Preferred Prescription Drug List Updates Effective January 1, 2023

Please Note: These changes only apply to groups are on the standard Blue KC formulary (this does NOT impact Small Group ACA or members on the Premium formulary). Group-specific benefit exceptions may apply.

New Step Therapy Requirements

Members must try preferred alternative(s) before other drugs will be covered. *Members currently utilizing this drug will be grandfathered on therapy.

New Step Therapy Requirements				
Drug Class	Drugs Requiring a Trial of Alternative(s)	Preferred Alternatives (Try First)		
ADHD Agents	Adderall, Adhansia XR, Adzenys, Aptensio, Concerta, Cotempla, Daytrana, Dynavel, Focalin/XR, Methylin, Mydayis, Qullichew, Qullivant, Ritalin/LA, Zenzedi	At least THREE of the following: Dextroamphetamine, dextroamphetamine and Amphetamine/ER, dexmethylphenidate/ER, methylphenidate, Vyvanse		
Antibiotic-	Solosec	Any of the following: clindamycin cream, metronidazole gel, metronidazole tab, tinidazole tablet		
Trichomoniasis	Vandazole	Any of the following: metronidazole gel, clindamycin cream		
Antidepressants	Viibryd	At least TWO of the following: vilazodone, citalopram, fluoxetine, paroxetine, sertraline		
	Descovy*	emtricitabine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (generic Truvada)		
	Intelence*	etravirine		
Antiretroviral Agents	Temixys*	Cimduo		
	Vocabria*	emtricitabine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (generic Truvada)		
Basal Insulin Agents	Semglee, Insulin glargine-yfgn, Basaglar	At least TWO of the following: Lantus, Levemir, Toujeo, Tresiba		
Iron deficiency Agents	Auryxia	Any of the following: calcium, lanthanum, sevelamer, Velphoro		
Non-Stimulant ADHD Agents	Intuniv, Kapvay, Qelbree, Straterra	At least TWO of the following: atomoxetine, guanfacine, clonidine		
Non-steroidal anti- inflammatory drugs	Meloxicam caps 5mg, 10mg	At least FIVE generic NSAIDs: ibuprofen, diclofenac, fenoprofen, ketoprofen, naproxen, nabumetone, etc.		

Members must try the generic equivalent before listed drug(s) will be covered.

Aczone 7.5% gel	Bethkis	Combigan	DDAVP
Exjade	Lotemax	Pentasa 500mg	Treximet (sumatriptan tablets + naproxen tablets)
Vimpat			

Tier Changes Affecting Member Copayment

Medications moving from Tier 3 to Tier 2 Members will now pay Tier 2 cost sharing for the following medications					
Enbrel	Evotaz	Rukobia	Symfi	Symfi Lo	
Tybost					
	Medications moving from Tier 2 to Tier 3				
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Abilify Maintena	Aczone 7.5% gel	Aristada	Biktarvy	Combigan	
Descovy	Genvoya	Jynarque	Latuda	Lotemax	
Mydayis	Nexium Granules	Odefsey	Palynziq	RisperDAL Consta	
Stribild	Temixys				

New Prior Authorization Requirements

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Drug Class	Drugs Requiring Prior Authorization		
Antifungals	Jublia		
Antiviral Agents	Prevymis		
Urea Cycle Disorder Treatment Agent	Bupyhenyl		

Excluded Drugs with Over-the-Counter Availability

The following drugs are now excluded but are available for members to purchase out of pocket, over the counter.

azelastine 205.5 mcg/spray	olopatadine 0.1% drops
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Specialty Drug Classification Changes

New Pharmacy restrictions and copay changes may apply.

Now Classified as Specialty Drugs			
Arcalyst	Cetrotide	Chorionic Gonadotropin	Droxidopa
Follistim AQ	Gonal-F	Inbrija	Lupron Depot-Ped
Lyosdren	Menopur	Mesnex	Mycapssa

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Novarel	Ovidrel	Penicillamine	Pregnyl
Prevymis	Pulmozyme	Sodium Phenylbutyrate	Tobi Podhaler
Tobramycin	Tolvaptan	Valtoco	Vivitrol
Now Classified as Non-Specialty Drugs			
Deferasirox	Gocovri	Hemangeol	Livtencity
Megestrol Acetate	Otrexup	Rasuvo	Reditrex
Tosymra	Xatmep		