

Step therapy — Premium

Most medical conditions have many medication options. Although their clinical effectiveness may be the same, the cost can be very different. The Step Therapy program gives you the treatment you need, usually at a lower cost.

Here's how it works:

With this program, you must try a Step 1 medication first, before a Step 2 medication may be covered. When you bring a prescription to your pharmacy, our system will check the medication for step therapy requirements. If your old pharmacy claims show you have tried a Step 1 medication in the recent past, the Step 2 medication may be filled. If not, the pharmacist will contact your doctor to explain next steps.

We encourage you to talk about your treatment and medication options with your doctor. If you have questions about the Step Therapy program, call the phone number on your member ID card.

Step therapy medications

If you have a prescription for any of the Step 2 medications below, you are required to first try a Step 1 medication(s) for benefit coverage.

Condition	Step 1	Step 2
Anti-infectives		
Oral Brand Tetracyclines	Any one of the following generics: doxycycline, minocycline	ADOXA, MONODOX, TARGADOX, VIBRAMYCIN
Otic Agents	ofloxacin	CETRAXAL, ciprofloxacin
Cardiovascular		
Renin-Angiotensin System Agents	Any one of the following generics: amlodipine-benazepril, amlodipine-olmesartan, benazepril, benazepril-HCTZ, candesartan, candesartan-HCTZ, captopril, captopril-HCTZ, enalapril, enalapril-HCTZ, fosinopril, fosinopril-HCTZ, irbesartan, irbesartan-HCTZ, lisinopril, lisinopril-HCTZ, losartan, losartan-HCTZ, moexipril, moexipril-HCTZ, olmesartan-HCTZ, olmesartan-amlodipine-HCTZ, perindopril, quinapril, quinapril-HCTZ, ramipril, telmisartan, telmisartan-HCTZ, trandolapril, trandolapril-verapamil	EDARBI, EDARBYCLOR, TEKTURNA, TEKTURNA HCT
Statins	Any one of the following generics: atorvastatin, fluvastatin, fluvastatin ER, lovastatin, pravastatin, rosuvastatin, simvastatin	ALTOPREV, FLOLIPID ² , LIVALO
Fibric Acid Derivatives	Any one of the following generics: fenofibric cap, fenofibrate tab, fenofibrate micronized cap, fenofibric acid tab AND LIPOFEN	FENOGLIDE, FIBRICOR, LOFIBRA, TRIGLIDE

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Antianginals	<p>Any one of the following generics or preferred brands:</p> <p>acebutolol, amlodipine, amlodipine-benazepril, amlodipine-telmisartan, amlodipine-valsartan, atenolol, bextaxolol, bisoprolol, carvedilol, diltiazem, diltiazem ER, felodipine ER, isosorbide dinitrate ER, isosorbide mononitrate ER, isradipine, metoprolol, metoprolol ER, nadolol, nicardipine, nifedipine, nisoldipine SR, nitroglycerin ER, pindolol, propranolol, propranolol SR, timolol, trandolapril-verapamil, verapamil, verapamil ER</p> <p>BYSTOLIC, DILATRATE SR, INDERAL XL, INNOPRAN XL</p>	RANEXA
Central Nervous System		
ADHD Agents	<p>Any two of the following generics or preferred brands:</p> <p>amphetamine-dextroamphetamine IR or ER, dexamethylphenidate IR or ER, dextroamphetamine IR or SR, methylphenidate IR or ER</p> <p>VYVANSE</p>	<p>ADDERALL XR², ADZENYS ER², ADZENYS XR ODT², APTENSIO XR², CONCERTA², COTEMPLA XR-ODT², DAYTRANA², DESOXYN², DYANAVEL XR², EVEKEO², FOCALIN XR², KAPVAY, METADATE CD², METHYLIN² SOLUTION, METHYLIN CHEW², MYDAYIS², PROCENTRA², QUILLICHEW ER², QUILLIVANT², RITALIN LA², ZENZEDI²</p>
Anticonvulsants³	<p>Any one of the following generics:</p> <p>lamotrigine IR, levetiracetam IR or ER, oxcarbazepine IR, topiramate IR</p>	BRIVIACT
	topiramate IR	QUDEXY XR, topiramate ER
Antidepressants³	bupropion SR	APLENZIN ²
	<p>Any two of the following generics:</p> <p>desvenlafaxine succinate ER, duloxetine, venlafaxine, venlafaxine ER</p>	FETZIMA ²
	<p>Any two of the following generics:</p> <p>bupropion, citalopram, desvenlafaxine succinate ER, duloxetine, escitalopram, fluoxetine, mirtazapine, paroxetine, paroxetine ER, sertraline, venlafaxine, venlafaxine ER</p>	<p>DESVENLAFAXINE ER/KHEDEZLA², PAXIL SUSPENSION, TRINTELLIX²</p>

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Antipsychotics³	Any one of the following generics or preferred brands: aripiprazole, olanzapine, quetiapine IR or ER, risperidone SAPHRIS	FANAPT ² , VRAYLAR ²
Insomnia Agents	Any one of the following generics: eszopiclone, temazepam, zaleplon, zolpidem, zolpidem CR	BELSOMRA ²
	Any one of the following generics: zolpidem, zolpidem CR	EDLUAR ² , ZOLPIMIST ²
Migraine Agents	Any one of the following generics: naratriptan, rizatriptan, sumatriptan, zolmitriptan	TREXIMET ² , ZOMIG NASAL ²
Neurologic Agents	gabapentin	GRALISE ²
	Any one of the following generics or preferred brands: amitriptyline, cyclobenzaprine, duloxetine, gabapentin LYRICA	LYRICA CR ² , SAVELLA ²
Non-Narcotic Analgesics	Any two of the following generics: diclofenac, diclofenac CR, diflunisal, etodolac, fenoprofen, flurbiprofen, ibuprofen, indomethacin, ketoprofen, ketorolac, meclofenamate, meloxicam, nabumetone, naproxen, oxaprozin, piroxicam, sulindac, tolmetin	INDOCIN SUPPOSITORY, INDOCIN SUSPENSION, TIVORBEX, VIVLODEX
Opioid Antagonists	NARCAN	EVZIO
Opioid Withdrawal	clonidine	LUCEMYRA ²
Parkinson's Disease	Any one of the following generics: pramipexole IR or ER, ropinirole IR or ER	NEUPRO
	Any one of the following generics: carbidopa-levodopa, carbidopa-levodopa CR	RYTARY
	Both of the following generics: rasagiline, selegiline	XADAGO ²

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Dermatology		
Rosacea	SOOLANTRA	FINACEA
	MIRVASO	RHOFADE
Skin Cancer Agents	Any one of the following generics: fluorouracil, imiquimod	diclofenac gel 3% ² , PICATO, SOLARAZE ²
Topical Immuno-modulators	Any one of the following generics: alclometasone, amcinonide, betamethasone, clobetasol, clocortolone, desonide, desoximetasone, diflorasone, fluocinolone, fluocinonide, fluticasone, halobetasol, hydrocortisone, mometasone, prednicarbate, triamcinolone, pramoxine-HC, calcipotriene-betamethasone	EUCRISA
Endocrinology		
Diabetic Agents	Any one of the following generics: metformin, metformin ER, glipizide- metformin, glyburide-metformin, pioglitazone-metformin	ACTOPLUS MET XR, AVANDIA, CYCLOSET, METFORMIN ORAL SOLUTION, RIOMET
DPP4 Inhibitors	Any one of the following generics: metformin, metformin ER, glipizide- metformin, glyburide-metformin, pioglitazone-metformin	JANUMET, JANUMET XR, JANUVIA, JENTADUETO, JENTADUETO XR, TRADJENTA
GLP-1 Agonists	Any one of the following generics: metformin, metformin ER, glipizide- metformin, glyburide-metformin, pioglitazone-metformin	BYDUREON ² , BYUREON BCISE ² , BYETTA ² , OZEMPIC ² , TRULICITY ² , VICTOZA ²
	Any one of the following preferred brands: BYDUREON ¹ , BYDUREON BCISE ¹ , BYETTA ¹ , OZEMPIC ¹ , TRULICITY ¹ , VICTOZA ¹ , LANTUS, OR TOUJEO	SOLIQUA ² , XULTOPHY ²
SGLT2 Inhibitors	Any one of the following generics: metformin, metformin ER, glipizide- metformin, glyburide-metformin, pioglitazone-metformin	GLYXAMBI, INVOKAMET, INVOKAMET XR, INVOKANA, JARDIANCE, SYNJARDY, SYNJARDY XR

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Gastroenterology		
Constipation Agents	Any one of the following generics: lactulose, polyethylene glycol	LINZESS ² , SYMPROIC ²
Proton Pump Inhibitors	Any two of the following generics or preferred brands: esomeprazole, omeprazole, lansoprazole, pantoprazole, rabeprazole DEXILANT	ESOMEPRAZOLE STRONTIUM ² , FIRST-LANSOPRAZOLE, FIRST-OMEPRAZOLE, PRILOSEC ² , PROTONIX ²
Hormone Modifiers		
Thyroid Replacement³	levothyroxine	ARMOUR THYROID, NATURE-THROID, SYNTHROID
Miscellaneous		
Antigout Agents	COLCRYS	MITIGARE, colchicine
	allopurinol	DUZALLO, ULORIC, ZURAMPIC
Ophthalmology		
Ophthalmic Antihistamines	Any one of the following generics or preferred brands: azelastine, olopatadine, PATADAY	BEPREVE, LASTACAPT
Respiratory		
Leukotriene Modifiers	Any one of the following generics: montelukast, zafirlukast	zileuton ER, ZYFLO, ZYFLO CR
Long-Acting Bronchodilators	Any two of the following preferred brands: ADVAIR, BREO ELLIPTA, SEREVENT, SYMBICORT	ARCAPTA ² , STRIVERDI RESPIMAT ²
Urology		
BPH Agents	Any two of the following generics or preferred brands: alfuzosin, doxazosin, tamsulosin, terazosin, RAPAFLO	CARDURA XL
Overactive Bladder Agents	Any one of the following generics: OXYBUTYNIN IR OR ER, TOLTERODINE IR, TROSPIUM IR	GELNIQUE, OXYTROL ² , VESICARE

Step therapy requirements are effective as of July 1, 2019. The list of step therapy medications is subject to change without notice. Step therapy requirements may vary by benefit plan. Additional clinical programs for the medications above may affect your prescription drug coverage. These programs may include quantity limits and prior authorization.

¹ These agents are also subject to additional step requirements as indicated in table.

² Quantity limits may also apply. Please refer to the Premium Quantity Limits document.

³ Applies to new starts only



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