



Updates to your prescription benefits

Effective September 1, 2021

Essential 4-Tier PDL update summary

Within the Prescription Drug List (PDL), prescription drugs are grouped by tier. The tier indicates the amount you pay when you fill a prescription. Please reference the chart to the right as you review the following updates to the PDL.

 Tier 1 Lowest-cost medications	 Tier 2 and 3 Mid-range cost	 Tier 4 Highest-cost
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Prescription drugs excluded from benefit coverage^{2, 3}

We evaluate prescription drugs based on their total value, including how a drug works and how much it costs. When several drugs work in the same way, we may choose to exclude the higher-cost option. Effective September 1, 2021, the drugs listed below may be excluded from coverage or you may need to get a prior authorization. Sign into your online account to check which drugs your plan covers and if there are any actions you need to take.

Therapeutic Use	Medication Name	Alternative Treatment Option(s)
ADHD	Desoxyn (brand only)	methamphetamine (generic Desoxyn)
Alzheimer's disease	Aricept 5 mg, 10 mg (brand only)	donepezil (generic Aricept)
Arrhythmias	Rythmol SR (brand only)	propafenone extended-release capsules (generic Rythmol)
Blood clots	Arixtra (brand only)	fondaparinux (generic Arixtra)
Bowel preparation	OsmoPrep	polyethylene glycol powder (generic Glycolax), PEG (generic Golytely), Sutab, Suprep

Therapeutic Use	Medication Name	Alternative Treatment Option(s)
Cholesterol/Lipid lowering	Praluent ¹	Repatha ¹
Cholesterol/Lipid lowering	Zocor (brand only)	simvastatin (generic Zocor)
Contraceptive	Loestrin FE 1/20 (brand only)	norethindrone/ethinyl estradiol [Aurovela FE, Blisovi FE, Hailey FE, Junel FE, Larin FE, Microgestin FE, Tarina FE (generics for Loestrin FE 1/20)]
Dry eye disease	Eysuvis ⁴	loteprednol 0.5% ophthalmic suspension (generic Lotemax)
Dry mouth	Evoxac (brand only)	cevimeline (generic Evoxac)
Endocrine disorders	DDAVP injection, tablets (brand only)	desmopressin (generic DDAVP)
Eye inflammation	Lotemax 0.5% ophthalmic suspension (brand only)	loteprednol 0.5% ophthalmic suspension (generic Lotemax)
Eye inflammation	Pred Forte 1% (brand only)	prednisolone 1% ophthalmic suspension (generic Pred Forte)
GI disorders	Gimoti ⁴	metoclopramide (generic Reglan)
Heart failure	Aldactone (brand only)	spironolactone (generic Aldactone)
Heart failure	Inspira (brand only)	eplerenone (generic Inspira)
Hemophilia	SevenFACT ⁴	NovoSeven
Hepatitis B	Hepsera (brand only)	adefovir (generic Hepsera)
High blood pressure	Altace (brand only)	ramipril (generic Altace)
High blood pressure	Atacand HCT (brand only)	candesartan/hydrochlorothiazide (generic Atacand HCT)
High blood pressure	Avalide (brand only)	irbesartan/hydrochlorothiazide (generic Avalide)
High blood pressure	Catapres-TTS (brand only)	clonidine patch (generic Catapres-TTS)
High blood pressure	Conjupri ⁴	amlodipine (generic Norvasc)
High blood pressure	Coreg (brand only)	carvedilol (generic Coreg)
High blood pressure	Hyzaar (brand only)	losartan/hydrochlorothiazide (generic Hyzaar)
High blood pressure	Procardia XL (brand only)	nifedipine extended-release tablet (generic Procardia XL)
HIV	Lexiva (brand only)	fosamprenavir (generic Lexiva)
HIV	Trizivir (brand only)	abacavir/lamivudine/zidovudine (generic Trizivir)
Hormone replacement	Estrace tablets (brand only)	estradiol tablets (generic Estrace)
Hypoglycemia	Proglycem (brand only)	diazoxide (generic Proglycem)

Therapeutic Use	Medication Name	Alternative Treatment Option(s)
Inflammation	Gastrocrom (brand only)	cromolyn oral concentrate (generic Gastrocrom)
Inflammatory conditions	RediTrex ⁴	methotrexate tablets, Rasuvo
Mental health	Pamelor (brand only)	nortriptyline (generic Pamelor)
Mental health	Paxil (brand only)	paroxetine (generic Paxil)
Migraines	Amerge (brand only)	naratriptan (generic Amerge)
Migraines	Zomig ZMT (brand only)	zolmitriptan orally disintegrating tablet (generic Zomig)
Muscle spasms	Soma 350 mg tablets (brand only)	carisoprodol 350 mg tablets (generic Soma)
Myasthenia gravis	Mestinon Timespan (brand only)	pyridostigmine extended-release tablet (generic Mestinon Timespan)
Nausea & vomiting	Transderm Scop (brand only)	scopolamine transdermal patch (generic Transderm Scop)
Nausea & vomiting	Zofran tablets (brand only)	ondansetron (generic Zofran)
Oral steroid	Alkindi Sprinkle ^{1,4}	hydrocortisone tablet (generic Cortef)
Pain	Qdolo ^{1,4}	tramadol (generic Ultram)
Pain	Ultram (brand only)	tramadol (generic Ultram)
Pain & inflammation	Arthrotec (brand only)	diclofenac/misoprostol (generic Arthrotec)
Pain & inflammation	Naprosyn oral suspension ¹ , tablets (brand only)	naproxen (generic Naprosyn)
Parkinson's disease	Ongentys ⁴	carbidopa/levodopa (generic Sinemet), entacapone (generic Comtan)
Parkinson's disease	tolcapone (generic Tasmar) ¹	carbidopa/levodopa (generic Sinemet), entacapone (generic Comtan)
Psoriasis	Soriatane (brand only)	acitretin (generic Soriatane)
Skin conditions	doxepin 5% (generic Zonalon) ¹	betamethasone dipropionate cream 0.05% (generic Diprosone), desoximetasone cream 0.05% (generic Topicort), fluocinonide cream 0.05% (generic Lidex), mometasone furoate cream 0.1% (generic Elocon), triamcinolone acetonide cream 0.5% (generic Aristocort)
Skin conditions	Impeklo ⁴	betamethasone 0.05% augmented gel (generic Diprolene), clobetasol propionate 0.05% gel (generic Temovate), clobetasol 0.05% solution (generic Temovate)
Skin conditions	Prudoxin (brand only) ¹	betamethasone dipropionate cream 0.05% (generic Diprosone), desoximetasone cream 0.05% (generic Topicort), fluocinonide cream 0.05% (generic Lidex), mometasone furoate cream 0.1% (generic Elocon), triamcinolone acetonide cream 0.5% (generic Aristocort)

Therapeutic Use	Medication Name	Alternative Treatment Option(s)
Tardive dyskinesia	Ingrezza ¹	Austedo ¹
Viral infections	Valcyte oral solution (brand only)	valganciclovir oral solution (generic Valcyte)

¹ Step therapy or prior authorization may be required prior to coverage.

² Exclusion includes brand, generic and authorized generic products unless otherwise noted.

³ For benefits that do not exclude, step therapy or prior authorization may be required.

⁴ Newly released medication which was excluded from coverage at the time of launch and will continue to be excluded from our pharmacy benefit.

Essential 4-Tier PDL clinical programs update summary

Some prescription drugs may have programs or limits that apply. Below are the changes that will be effective September 1, 2021.

MN Medical Necessity

Medical Necessity is a type of Prior Authorization that evaluates the clinical appropriateness of a medication, such as condition being treated, type of medication, frequency of use, and duration of therapy. The following medications have a new or revised Medical Necessity program.

Therapeutic Use	Medication Name
Parkinson's disease	Tasmar (tolcapone)
Cholesterol/Lipid lowering	Praluent ⁵

ST Step Therapy⁶

The medications below have a new or revised Step Therapy program. You must try one or more other medications before the medication below may be covered.

Therapeutic Use	Medication Name	Step 1 Medication
Cholesterol/Lipid lowering	Praluent ⁵	Must try Repatha ⁷

SL Supply Limits

Supply Limits establish the maximum quantity of a drug that is covered per copay or in a specified time frame. The drugs below will now be part of the Supply Limits program.

Therapeutic Use	Medication Name	New Supply Limit
Infections	Dificid 40 mg/mL	136 mL per 10 days
Weight loss	Saxenda 18 mg/3mL (6 mg/mL) ⁵	15 mL (5 pens)

⁴ Medication typically excluded from coverage.

⁵ Referred to as First Start in New Jersey.

⁶ Step therapy or prior authorization may be required prior to coverage.

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