

Updates to your prescription benefits

Effective January 1, 2023

Advantage 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.



Prescription drugs with new benefit coverage

The following drugs were previously not covered under most benefit plans and are now eligible for coverage.

| Therapeutic Use | Medication Name | Tier Placement |
|----------------------------|---|----------------|
| Acne | dapsone 5% Gel (generic Aczone) | Tier 3 |
| Acne | dapsone 7.5% Gel (generic Aczone) | Tier 3 |
| Cholesterol/Lipid lowering | colesevelam hydrochloride (generic Welchol) | Tier 2 |
| Hereditary angioedema | icatibant acetate (generic Firazyr) ¹ | Tier 2 |
| Pain | hydrocodone bitartrate extended-release (generic Hysingla) ¹ | Tier 3 |
| Pain | morphine sulfate extended-release (generic Kadian) ¹ | Tier 3 |



Prescription drugs moving to a lower tier

The following drugs are moving to a lower tier, making them a lower cost.

| Therapeutic Use | Medication Name | Tier Placement |
|-----------------|--|------------------|
| Pain | hydromorphone hcl extended-release (generic Exalgo) ¹ | Tier 4 to Tier 3 |
| Pain | morphine sulfate extended-release (generic Avinza) ¹ | Tier 4 to Tier 3 |
| Pain | oxymorphone extended-release (generic Opana ER) ¹ | Tier 4 to Tier 3 |

Prescription drugs moving to a higher tier

The following medications are moving to a higher tier. Medications may move from a lower tier to a higher tier when they are more costly and have available lower-cost options.

| Therapeutic Use | Medication Name | Tier Placement | Alternative Treatment Option(s) |
|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------|--|
| Infections | Vandazole | Tier 2 to Tier 4 | metronidazole (generic MetroGel- Vaginal) |
| Pain | Xtampza ER ¹ | Tier 2 to Tier 4 | morphine sulfate (generic MS Contin) |

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 January 1, 2023, 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) |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Acne | Aczone 5% topical gel (brand only) | dapsone topical gel (generic Aczone), OTC Differin Gel |
| Acne | Aczone 7.5% topical gel (brand only) | dapsone topical gel (generic Aczone), OTC Differin Gel |
| Acne | Twyneo ⁴ | OTC benzoyl peroxide + OTC Differin gel or tretinoin cream (generic Retin A) |
| Cancer | Eulexin (brand only) ⁴ | bicalutamide (generic Casodex) |
| Cancer | Nilandron | bicalutamide (generic Casodex) |
| Cancer | nilutamide (generic Nilandron) | bicalutamide (generic Casodex) |
| Cholesterol/Lipid lowering | Welchol (brand only) | colesevelam (generic Welchol) |
| Cushing's disease | Recorlev ^{1,4} | ketoconazole (generic Nizoral) |

| Therapeutic Use | Medication Name | Alternative Treatment Option(s) |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Diuretic | Soaanz ⁴ | torsemide (generic Demadex) |
| Elevated phosphate levels | Auryxia | sevelamer (generic Renagel), Velphoro |
| Elevated phosphate levels | Renagel (brand only) | sevelamer (generic Renagel) |
| Elevated phosphate levels | Renvela (brand only) packet ¹ | sevelamer carbonate (generic Renvela) |
| Excessive secretions | Dartisla ODT ⁴ | glycopyrrolate tablet (generic Robinul) |
| Hepatitis B | Vemlidy ¹ | entecavir (generic Baraclude), tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (generic Viread) |
| Hereditary angioedema | Firazyr (brand only) ¹ | icatibant acetate (generic Firazyr) ¹ |
| Infections | Alinia tablets (brand only) | nitazoxanide (generic Alinia) |
| Mental health | Citalopram hydrobromide capsules ⁴ | citalopram (generic Celexa) |
| Pain | Dilaudid (brand only) | hydromorphone (generic Dilaudid) |
| Pain | MS Contin (brand only) ¹ | morphine sulfate (generic MS Contin) |
| Pain and inflammation | Anaprox DS (brand only)4 | naproxen (generic Naprosyn, generic Anaprox DS), OTC naproxen |
| Pain and inflammation | Seglentis ⁴ | celecoxib capsules (generic Celebrex) plus tramadol (generic Ultram) |
| Parkinson's disease | Dhivy ⁴ | carbidopa/levodopa (generic Sinemet) |

¹ Step Therapy or Prior Authorization may be required prior to coverage.

 $^{^{\}rm 2}$ 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.

Advantage 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 January 1, 2023.

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 will now require Medical Necessity for coverage.

| Therapeutic Use | Medication Name |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Hepatitis B | Vemlidy |

ST Step Therapy⁵

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 |
|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Blood clots | Savaysa ⁶ | Eliquis or Xarelto |

 $^{^{\}mbox{\tiny 5}}$ Referred to as First Start in New Jersey.

 $^{^{\}mbox{\tiny 6}}$ Includes continuation of therapy, existing members not impacted.

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