



MASSACHUSETTS

2022 STEP THERAPY CRITERIA FOR

**Medicare HMO Blue (HMO)
Medicare PPO Blue (PPO)**



Definition of Step Therapy

For certain drugs, we require you to first try another drug to treat your medical condition before we'll cover the drug your physician may have initially prescribed. For example, if Drug A and Drug B both treat your medical condition, we may require your doctor to prescribe Drug A first. If Drug A doesn't work for you, then we'll cover Drug B.

The following list of prescription drugs are subject to Step Therapy.

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GLP-1 AGONISTS

Products Affected

Step 1:

- Bydureon BCise 2 mg/0.85 mL subcutaneous auto-injector
- Byetta 10 mcg/dose(250 mcg/mL)2.4 mL subcutaneous pen injector
- Byetta 5 mcg/dose (250 mcg/mL)1.2 mL subcutaneous pen injector
- Trulicity 0.75 mg/0.5 mL subcutaneous pen injector
- Trulicity 1.5 mg/0.5 mL subcutaneous pen injector
- Trulicity 3 mg/0.5 mL subcutaneous pen injector
- Trulicity 4.5 mg/0.5 mL subcutaneous pen injector

Step 2:

- Mounjaro 10 mg/0.5 mL subcutaneous pen injector
- Mounjaro 12.5 mg/0.5 mL subcutaneous pen injector
- Mounjaro 15 mg/0.5 mL subcutaneous pen injector
- Mounjaro 2.5 mg/0.5 mL subcutaneous pen injector
- Mounjaro 5 mg/0.5 mL subcutaneous pen injector
- Mounjaro 7.5 mg/0.5 mL subcutaneous pen injector
- Ozempic 0.25 mg or 0.5 mg (2 mg/1.5 mL) subcutaneous pen injector
- Ozempic 1 mg/dose (4 mg/3 mL) subcutaneous pen injector
- Ozempic 2 mg/dose (8 mg/3 mL) subcutaneous pen injector
- Rybelsus 14 mg tablet
- Rybelsus 3 mg tablet
- Rybelsus 7 mg tablet

Details

Criteria	
	There must be evidence of a paid claim or physician documented use, by the patient of two Step 1 drugs, then approval for a Step 2 drug will be given. For Ozempic requests that are used to reduce the risk of major adverse cardiovascular events (cardiovascular death, non-fatal myocardial infarction or non-fatal stroke) in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus and established cardiovascular disease, there must be evidence of a paid claim or physician documented use, by the patient of Trulicity.

NOVEL PSYCHOTROPICS

Products Affected

Step 1:

- aripiprazole 1 mg/mL oral solution
- aripiprazole 10 mg disintegrating tablet
- aripiprazole 10 mg tablet
- aripiprazole 15 mg disintegrating tablet
- aripiprazole 15 mg tablet
- aripiprazole 2 mg tablet
- aripiprazole 20 mg tablet
- aripiprazole 30 mg tablet
- aripiprazole 5 mg tablet
- asenapine 10 mg sublingual tablet
- asenapine 2.5 mg sublingual tablet
- asenapine 5 mg sublingual tablet
- chlorpromazine 10 mg tablet
- chlorpromazine 100 mg tablet
- chlorpromazine 100 mg/mL oral concentrate
- chlorpromazine 200 mg tablet
- chlorpromazine 25 mg tablet
- chlorpromazine 30 mg/mL oral concentrate
- chlorpromazine 50 mg tablet
- clozapine 100 mg disintegrating tablet
- clozapine 100 mg tablet
- clozapine 12.5 mg disintegrating tablet
- clozapine 150 mg disintegrating tablet
- clozapine 200 mg disintegrating tablet
- clozapine 200 mg tablet
- clozapine 25 mg disintegrating tablet
- clozapine 25 mg tablet
- clozapine 50 mg tablet
- fluphenazine 1 mg tablet
- fluphenazine 10 mg tablet
- fluphenazine 2.5 mg tablet
- fluphenazine 2.5 mg/5 mL oral elixir
- fluphenazine 2.5 mg/mL injection solution
- fluphenazine 5 mg tablet
- fluphenazine 5 mg/mL oral concentrate
- fluphenazine decanoate 25 mg/mL injection solution
- haloperidol 0.5 mg tablet
- haloperidol 1 mg tablet
- haloperidol 10 mg tablet
- haloperidol 2 mg tablet
- haloperidol 20 mg tablet
- haloperidol 5 mg tablet
- haloperidol decanoate 100 mg/mL intramuscular solution
- haloperidol decanoate 100 mg/mL intramuscular solution (1ml)
- haloperidol decanoate 50 mg/mL intramuscular solution
- haloperidol lactate 2 mg/mL oral concentrate
- haloperidol lactate 5 mg/mL injection solution
- loxapine succinate 10 mg capsule
- loxapine succinate 25 mg capsule
- loxapine succinate 5 mg capsule
- loxapine succinate 50 mg capsule
- molindone 10 mg tablet
- molindone 25 mg tablet
- molindone 5 mg tablet
- olanzapine 10 mg disintegrating tablet
- olanzapine 10 mg intramuscular solution
- olanzapine 10 mg tablet
- olanzapine 15 mg disintegrating tablet
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- olanzapine 2.5 mg tablet
- olanzapine 20 mg disintegrating tablet
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- olanzapine 5 mg disintegrating tablet
- olanzapine 5 mg tablet
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- olanzapine-fluoxetine 3 mg-25 mg capsule
- olanzapine-fluoxetine 6 mg-25 mg capsule
- olanzapine-fluoxetine 6 mg-50 mg capsule
- paliperidone ER 1.5 mg tablet, extended release 24 hr

- paliperidone ER 3 mg tablet,extended release 24 hr
- paliperidone ER 6 mg tablet,extended release 24 hr
- paliperidone ER 9 mg tablet,extended release 24 hr
- perphenazine 16 mg tablet
- perphenazine 2 mg tablet
- perphenazine 4 mg tablet
- perphenazine 8 mg tablet
- perphenazine-amitriptyline 2 mg-10 mg tablet
- perphenazine-amitriptyline 2 mg-25 mg tablet
- perphenazine-amitriptyline 4 mg-10 mg tablet
- perphenazine-amitriptyline 4 mg-25 mg tablet
- perphenazine-amitriptyline 4 mg-50 mg tablet
- pimozide 1 mg tablet
- pimozide 2 mg tablet
- quetiapine 100 mg tablet
- quetiapine 200 mg tablet
- quetiapine 25 mg tablet
- quetiapine 300 mg tablet
- quetiapine 400 mg tablet
- quetiapine 50 mg tablet
- quetiapine ER 150 mg tablet,extended release 24 hr
- quetiapine ER 200 mg tablet,extended release 24 hr
- quetiapine ER 300 mg tablet,extended release 24 hr
- quetiapine ER 400 mg tablet,extended release 24 hr
- quetiapine ER 50 mg tablet,extended release 24 hr
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- risperidone 0.5 mg disintegrating tablet
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- risperidone 1 mg disintegrating tablet
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- risperidone 2 mg disintegrating tablet
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- risperidone 3 mg disintegrating tablet
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- risperidone 4 mg disintegrating tablet
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- thiothixene 1 mg capsule
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- trifluoperazine 1 mg tablet
- trifluoperazine 10 mg tablet
- trifluoperazine 2 mg tablet
- trifluoperazine 5 mg tablet
- ziprasidone 20 mg capsule
- ziprasidone 40 mg capsule
- ziprasidone 60 mg capsule
- ziprasidone 80 mg capsule

Step 2:

- Abilify Maintena 300 mg intramuscular suspension,extended release
- Abilify Maintena 300 mg suspension,extended rel. intramuscular syringe
- Abilify Maintena 400 mg intramuscular suspension,extended release
- Abilify Maintena 400 mg suspension,extended rel. intramuscular syringe
- Aristada 1,064 mg/3.9 mL suspension, extend.rel. IM syringe
- Aristada 441 mg/1.6 mL suspension, extend.rel. IM syringe
- Aristada 662 mg/2.4 mL suspension, extend.rel. IM syringe
- Aristada 882 mg/3.2 mL suspension, extend.rel. IM syringe
- Aristada Initio 675 mg/2.4 mL suspension, extend.rel. IM syringe
- Caplyta 10.5 mg capsule

- Caplyta 21 mg capsule
- Caplyta 42 mg capsule
- Fanapt 1 mg tablet
- Fanapt 10 mg tablet
- Fanapt 12 mg tablet
- Fanapt 1mg(2)-2 mg(2)-4mg(2)-6 mg(2) tablets in a dose pack
- Fanapt 2 mg tablet
- Fanapt 4 mg tablet
- Fanapt 6 mg tablet
- Fanapt 8 mg tablet
- Invega Hafyera 1,092 mg/3.5 mL intramuscular syringe
- Invega Hafyera 1,560 mg/5 mL intramuscular syringe
- Invega Sustenna 117 mg/0.75 mL intramuscular syringe
- Invega Sustenna 156 mg/mL intramuscular syringe
- Invega Sustenna 234 mg/1.5 mL intramuscular syringe
- Invega Sustenna 39 mg/0.25 mL intramuscular syringe
- Invega Sustenna 78 mg/0.5 mL intramuscular syringe
- Invega Trinza 273 mg/0.88 mL intramuscular syringe
- Invega Trinza 410 mg/1.32 mL intramuscular syringe
- Invega Trinza 546 mg/1.75 mL intramuscular syringe
- Invega Trinza 819 mg/2.63 mL intramuscular syringe
- Latuda 120 mg tablet
- Latuda 20 mg tablet
- Latuda 40 mg tablet
- Latuda 60 mg tablet
- Latuda 80 mg tablet
- Lybalvi 10 mg-10 mg tablet
- Lybalvi 15 mg-10 mg tablet
- Lybalvi 20 mg-10 mg tablet
- Lybalvi 5 mg-10 mg tablet
- Nuplazid 10 mg tablet
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- Perseris 120 mg abdominal subcutaneous ext. release suspension syringe
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- Rexulti 1 mg tablet
- Rexulti 2 mg tablet
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- Risperdal Consta 25 mg/2 mL intramuscular susp,extended release
- Risperdal Consta 37.5 mg/2 mL intramuscular susp,extended release
- Risperdal Consta 50 mg/2 mL intramuscular susp,extended release
- Secuado 3.8 mg/24 hour transdermal 24 hour patch
- Secuado 5.7 mg/24 hour transdermal 24 hour patch
- Secuado 7.6 mg/24 hour transdermal 24 hour patch
- Versacloz 50 mg/mL oral suspension
- Vraylar 1.5 mg (1)-3 mg (6) capsules in a dose pack
- Vraylar 1.5 mg capsule
- Vraylar 3 mg capsule
- Vraylar 4.5 mg capsule
- Vraylar 6 mg capsule
- Zyprexa Relprevv 210 mg intramuscular suspension

Details

Criteria	There must be evidence of a paid claim or physician documented use, by the patient of two Step 1 drugs, then approval for a Step 2 drug will be given.
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PROTON PUMP INHIBITORS

Products Affected

Step 1:

- omeprazole 10 mg capsule, delayed release
- omeprazole 20 mg capsule, delayed release
- omeprazole 40 mg capsule, delayed release
- pantoprazole 20 mg tablet, delayed release
- pantoprazole 40 mg tablet, delayed release

Step 2:

- esomeprazole magnesium 20 mg capsule, delayed release
- esomeprazole magnesium 40 mg capsule, delayed release
- esomeprazole magnesium DR 10 mg granules delayed release for susp
- esomeprazole magnesium DR 20 mg granules delayed release for susp
- esomeprazole magnesium DR 40 mg granules delayed release for susp
- lansoprazole 15 mg capsule, delayed release
- lansoprazole 30 mg capsule, delayed release

Details

Criteria	There must be evidence of a paid claim or physician documented use, by the patient of two Step 1 drugs, then approval for a Step 2 drug will be given. Step 1 Drug(s): omeprazole and pantoprazole. Step 2 Drug (s): esomeprazole, lansoprazole.
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