

2024 STEP THERAPY CRITERIA

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.



Step Therapy Criteria

Step Therapy Group

Drug Names

Step Therapy Criteria

BISPHOSPHONATES

FOSAMAX PLUS D

Coverage will be provided if alendronate, ibandronate, or risedronate has been tried (at least a 30 day supply in the prior 180 days).

Step Therapy Group

Drug Names

Step Therapy Criteria

HMG-COA INHIBITORS

ALTOPREV, EZALLOR SPRINKLE, FLUVASTATIN, FLUVASTATIN SODIUM ER, PITAVASTATIN CALCIUM, ZYPITAMAG

Coverage will be provided if atorvastatin tablets, ezetimibe/simvastatin, lovastatin, pravastatin, rosuvastatin tablets, simvastatin tablets, or amlodipine/atorvastatin has been tried (at least a 30-day supply) in the prior 180 days.

Step Therapy Group

Drug Names

Step Therapy Criteria

LEVALBUTEROL

LEVALBUTEROL TARTRATE HFA

Coverage will be provided if albuterol HFA or Ventolin HFA have been tried (at least a 30-day supply) in the prior 180 days.

Step Therapy Group

Drug Names

Step Therapy Criteria

NASAL STEROIDS

MOMETASONE FUROATE, OMNARIS

Coverage will be provided if generic fluticasone nasal spray has been tried (at least a 30-day supply) in the prior 180 days.

Step Therapy Group

Drug Names

Step Therapy Criteria

PPI

ESOMEPRAZOLE MAGNESIUM, LANSOPRAZOLE

Coverage will be provided if two of the following generic alternatives: omeprazole capsules, pantoprazole tablets, or lansoprazole capsules have been tried (at least a 30 day supply in the prior 180 days).

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Drug Names

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URINARY ANTISPASMODICS

DARIFENACIN HYDROBROMIDE, TOLTERODINE TARTRATE ER

Coverage will be provided if mirabegron, oxybutynin, oxybutynin extended-release, solifenacin tablets, tolterodine immediate-release, trospium immediate-release, or vibegron has been tried (at least a 30-day supply in the prior 180 days).

PROFICIENCY OF LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE SERVICES

English: We have free interpreter services to answer any questions you may have about our health or drug plan. To get an interpreter, just call us at **1-800-200-4255**. Someone who speaks English/Language can help you. This is a free service.

Spanish: Tenemos servicios de intérprete sin costo alguno para responder cualquier pregunta que pueda tener sobre nuestro plan de salud o medicamentos. Para hablar con un intérprete, por favor llame al **1-800-200-4255**. Alguien que hable español le podrá ayudar. Este es un servicio gratuito.

Chinese Mandarin: 我们提供免费的翻译服务，帮助您解答关于健康或药物保险的任何疑问。如果您需要此翻译服务，请致电 **1-800-200-4255**。我们的中文工作人员很乐意帮助您。这是一项免费服务。

Chinese Cantonese: 您對我們的健康或藥物保險可能存有疑問，為此我們提供免費的翻譯服務。如需翻譯服務，請致電 **1-800-200-4255**。我們講中文的人員將樂意為您提供幫助。這是一項免費服務。

Tagalog: Mayroon kaming libreng serbisyo sa pagsasaling-wika upang masagot ang anumang mga katanungan ninyo hinggil sa aming planong pangkalusugan o panggamot. Upang makakuha ng tagasaling-wika, tawagan lamang kami sa **1-800-200-4255**. Maaari kayong tulungan ng isang nakakapagsalita ng Tagalog. Ito ay libreng serbisyo.

French: Nous proposons des services gratuits d'interprétation pour répondre à toutes vos questions relatives à notre régime de santé ou d'assurance-médicaments. Pour accéder au service d'interprétation, il vous suffit de nous appeler au **1-800-200-4255**. Un interlocuteur parlant Français pourra vous aider. Ce service est gratuit.

Vietnamese: Chúng tôi có dịch vụ thông dịch miễn phí để trả lời các câu hỏi về chương sức khỏe và chương trình thuốc men. Nếu quý vị cần thông dịch viên xin gọi **1-800-200-4255** sẽ có nhân viên nói tiếng Việt giúp đỡ quý vị. Đây là dịch vụ miễn phí.

German: Unser kostenloser Dolmetscherservice beantwortet Ihren Fragen zu unserem Gesundheits- und Arzneimittelplan. Unsere Dolmetscher erreichen Sie unter **1-800-200-4255**. Man wird Ihnen dort auf Deutsch weiterhelfen. Dieser Service ist kostenlos.

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Arabic: إننا نقدم خدمات المترجم الفوري المجانية للإجابة عن أي أسئلة تتعلق بالصحة أو جدول الأدوية لدينا. للحصول على مترجم فوري، ليس عليك سوى الاتصال بنا على **1-800-200-4255**. سيقوم شخص ما يتحدث العربية بمساعدتك. هذه خدمة مجانية.

Hindi: हमारे स्वास्थ्य या दवा की योजना के बारे में आपके किसी भी प्रश्न के जवाब देने के लिए हमारे पास मुफ्त दुभाषिया सेवाएँ उपलब्ध हैं। एक दुभाषिया प्राप्त करने के लिए, बस हमें **1-800-200-4255** पर फोन करें। कोई व्यक्ति जो हिन्दी बोलता है आपकी मदद कर सकता है। यह एक मुफ्त सेवा है।

Italian: È disponibile un servizio di interpretariato gratuito per rispondere a eventuali domande sul nostro piano sanitario e farmaceutico. Per un interprete, contattare il numero **1-800-200-4255**. Un nostro incaricato che parla Italianovi fornirà l'assistenza necessaria. È un servizio gratuito.

Portuguese: Dispomos de serviços de interpretação gratuitos para responder a qualquer questão que tenha acerca do nosso plano de saúde ou de medicação. Para obter um intérprete, contacte-nos através do número **1-800-200-4255**. Irá encontrar alguém que fale o idioma Português para o ajudar. Este serviço é gratuito.

French Creole: Nou genyen sèvis entèprèt gratis pou reponn tout kesyon ou ta genyen konsènan plan medikal oswa dwòg nou an. Pou jwenn yon entèprèt, jis rele nou nan **1-800-200-4255**. Yon moun ki pale Kreyòl kapab ede w. Sa a se yon sèvis ki gratis.

Polish: Umożliwiamy bezpłatne skorzystanie z usług tłumacza ustnego, który pomoże w uzyskaniu odpowiedzi na temat planu zdrowotnego lub dawkowania leków. Aby skorzystać z pomocy tłumacza znającego język polski, należy zadzwonić pod numer **1-800-200-4255**. Ta usługa jest bezpłatna.

Japanese: 当社の健康 健康保険と薬品 処方薬プランに関するご質問にお答えするために、無料の通訳サービスがあります。通訳をご用命になるには、**1-800-200-4255** にお電話ください。日本語を話す人 者が支援いたします。これは無料のサービスです。

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If you need help filing a grievance, the Medicare Advantage Appeals and Grievance Manager is available to help you.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights online at **ocrportal.hhs.gov**; by mail at U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW Room 509F, HHH Building Washington, DC 20201; by phone at **1-800-368-1019** or **1-800-537-7697** (TDD).

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