

Standard Control Formulary

January 2024 Updates

| Removals | Add-Backs | Tier Changes |
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The following is a list of changes occurring for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts' members who are covered by plans that use the Standard Control Formulary.

Removals

After carefully reviewing each medication's cost and its clinically appropriate formulary options, we've removed the medications listed below from our formulary. However, a health care provider may request an exception if the medication prescribed is medically necessary. If the exception is approved, you may pay the highest-tier cost.

| Drug Class | Removed Product(s) | Formulary Options |
|---|---|--|
| Anaphylaxis Agents* | epinephrine auto-injector (only those identified with National Drug Codes*** 00093-5986-19, 00093-5986-27, 00093-5985-19, 00093-5985-27 and 49502-0101-02, 49502-0102-02, 49502-0101-01, 49502-0102-01 only), EPIPEN**, EPIPEN JR** | epinephrine (all other types [or NDC codes] of the medication, except those listed in the removed products section), AUVI-Q |
| Antidepressants* | APLENZIN, WELLBUTRIN XL** | bupropion, bupropion ext-rel (except bupropion ext-rel tablet 450 mg) |
| Dermatology, Acne* | ARAZLO, RETIN-A MICRO | adapalene (except adapalene pad), benzoyl peroxide, clindamycin gel (except NDC 68682046275), clindamycin solution, clindamycin-benzoyl peroxide, dapsone, erythromycin solution, erythromycin-benzoyl peroxide, tretinoin, AKLIEF, EPIDUO, ONEXTON, TWYNEO, WINLEVI |
| Dermatology, Acne* | isotretinoin capsule 25mg, 35mg | isotretinoin capsule 20mg, 30mg, 40mg |
| Diabetes, Insulin, Long-Acting* | BASAGLAR, LEVEMIR | LANTUS |
| Migraine, Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide (CGRP) Inhibitors | AIMOVIG | AJOVY, EMGALITY, QULIPTA |
| Opioid-Induced Constipation* | RELISTOR | lubiprostone, SYMPROIC |

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| Pain, Opioid Analgesics* | XTAMPZA ER | fentanyl transdermal, hydrocodone ext-rel, hydromorphone ext-rel, methadone, morphine ext-rel |
| Respiratory, Steroid/Beta-Agonist Combinations* | ADVAIR DISKUS**, ADVAIR HFA, SYMBICORT** | fluticasone-salmeterol (except certain NDCs), Wixela Inhub, BREO ELLIPTA (except certain NDCs) |
| Urea Cycle Disorder | BUPHENYL**, RAVICTI | sodium phenylbutyrate, PHEBURANE |

***A National Drug Code (NDC) is the Food and Drug Administration's identification system for medications, which is used to show the manufacturer, the strength, dosage and formulation, and the package type.

Add-Backs

These medications were added back to the formulary.

| Drug Class | Product(s) Added |
|---|--|
| Antiarrhythmics* | MULTAQ |
| Diabetes, Insulin, Long Acting* | LANTUS |
| Respiratory, Steroid/Beta-Agonist Combinations* | fluticasone-salmeterol (except certain NDCs), Wixela Inhub, DULERA (Non-Preferred) |

Tier 2 to Tier 3

The medications listed below are moving to a higher tier.

| Drug Class | Drug Name (s) | Formulary Options |
|--|--|--|
| Analgesics/ NSAIDs | ANAPROX DS TAB | diclofenac sodium delayed-rel, ibuprofen, naproxen, diflunisal, etodolac, meloxicam, nabumetone, oxaprozin, sulindac |
| Antineoplastic Agents/ Alkylating Agents* | EMCYT CAP | abiraterone, bicalutamide, flutamide, ERLEADA, NUBEQA, XTANDI, YONSA |
| Cardiovascular/ Antiarrhythmics* | NORPACE CR CAP 100MG NORPACE CR CAP 150MG | disopyramide |
| Dermatology/ Rosacea* | RHOFADE CRE 1% | azelaic acid gel, brimonidine gel, metronidazole, FINACEA FOAM, SOOLANTRA |
| Endocrine and Metabolic/ Antidiabetics/ Supplies | Generic lancets and lancing devices | ONETOUCH LANCETS, ONETOUCH LANCING DEVICES |

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| Gastrointestinal/ Antispasmodics | ANASPAZ ODT | dicyclomine, hyoscyamine sulfate, hyoscyamine sulfate orally disintegrating tabs |
| Nutritional/Supplements/ Electrolytes | K-TAB TAB | potassium chloride ext-rel, potassium chloride liquid |
| Ophthalmic/ Glaucoma | ZIOPTAN DROPS 0.0015%, ZIOPTAN OPH SOL 0.0015% | bimatoprost, latanoprost, travoprost |
| Topical/ Dermatology/ Corticosteroids/ Medium Potency | DERMA-SMOOTH OIL FS BODY, DERMA-SMOOTH OIL FS SCALP | calcipotriene ointment 0.005%, calcipotriene solution 0.005%, ENSTILAR |
| Topical/ Dermatology/ Corticosteroids/ Low Potency | CAPEX SHA 0.01% | ketoconazole shampoo 2%, selenium sulfide lotion 2.5% |
| Topical/ Dermatology/ Corticosteroids/ Low Potency | TEXACORT SOL 2.5% | alclometasone cream and ointment 0.05%, desonide cream, lotion, and ointment 0.05%, fluocinolone acetonide solution 0.01%, hydrocortisone cream 2.5%, hydrocortisone cream and ointment 0.5% and 1%, hydrocortisone lotion 1% |

*Class has existing formulary exclusions **Multi-source Brand Product

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