

Step Therapy Criteria
Retiree RxCare PremierPLUS
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ABILIFY MYCITE - SCORE

Products Affected

- Abilify Mycite Maintenance Kit
- Abilify Mycite Starter Kit

Details

Criteria	Trial of generic aripiprazole. Step applies to new starts only. Approve for continuation of prior therapy.
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ACTINIC KERATOSIS - SCORE

Products Affected

- Diclofenac Sodium GEL 3%
- Klisyri

Details

Criteria	Trial of either topical fluorouracil or topical imiquimod
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ADLARITY - SCORE

Products Affected

- Adlarity

Details

Criteria	Trial of generic donepezil tablet or donepezil ODT
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ALBUTEROL - SCORE

Products Affected

- Ventolin Hfa

Details

Criteria	Trial of generic albuterol HFA
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ANTIDEPRESSANTS - SCORE

Products Affected

- Aplenzin
- Desvenlafaxine Er TB24 100MG, 50MG
- Emsam
- Exxua
- Exxua Titration Pack
- Fetzima
- Fetzima Titration Pack
- Venlafaxine Besylate Er

Details

Criteria	Trial of two generics of the following formulary products: bupropion, mirtazapine, citalopram, desvenlafaxine succinate ER, duloxetine, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline, venlafaxine hydrochloride. Approve for continuation of prior therapy.
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ASPRUZYO THERAPY - SCORE

Products Affected

- Aspruzyo Sprinkle

Details

Criteria	Trial of generic ranolazine ER
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ATONCY -SCORE

Products Affected

- Atoncy

Details

Criteria	Trial of generic atomoxetine capsule.
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ATYPICAL ANTIPSYCHOTICS - SCORE

Products Affected

- Bysanti
- Bysanti Titration Pack A
- Bysanti Titration Pack B
- Bysanti Titration Pack C
- Fanapt
- Fanapt Titration Pack A
- Fanapt Titration Pack B
- Fanapt Titration Pack C
- Lybalvi
- Secuado

Details

Criteria	Trial of two of the following oral generic formulary atypical antipsychotic agents: asenapine, aripiprazole, olanzapine, paliperidone, quetiapine, risperidone, ziprasidone. Approve for continuation of prior therapy.
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BACLOFEN SOLUTION - SCORE

Products Affected

- Baclofen ORAL SOLN 10MG/5ML, 5MG/5ML
- Baclofen SUSP
- Fleqsuvy
- Lyvispah
- Ozobax
- Ozobax Ds

Details

Criteria	Trial of generic baclofen tablet
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BASAGLAR - SCORE

Products Affected

- Basaglar Kwikpen
- Basaglar Tempo Pen

Details

Criteria	Trial of any two of the following: Lantus, Toujeo, or Tresiba
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BENIGN PROSTATIC HYPERTROPHY AGENTS - SCORE

Products Affected

- Entadfi
- Tezruly

Details

Criteria	Trial of one of the following generics: doxazosin, terazosin, tamsulosin, finasteride, dutasteride, dutasteride-tamsulosin, alfuzosin
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BUTALBITAL-ACETAMINOPHEN-CAFFEINE ORAL SOLUTION - SCORE

Products Affected

- Butalbital/acetaminophen/caffeine SOLN

Details

Criteria	Trial of one formulary generic butalbital-acetaminophen-caffeine tablet or capsule
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COMT INHIBITOR THERAPY - SCORE

Products Affected

- Ongentys

Details

Criteria	Trial of generic entacapone
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DHIVY -SCORE

Products Affected

- Dhivy

Details

Criteria	Trial of two generic carbidopa/levodopa containing formulations: carbidopa/levodopa IR, carbidopa/levodopa ER, or carbidopa/levodopa ODT
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DPP4 INHIBITORS NON-PREFERRED - SCORE

Products Affected

- Alogliptin
- Alogliptin/metformin Hcl
- Alogliptin/metformin Hydrochloride
- Alogliptin/pioglitazone TABS
12.5MG; 30MG, 25MG; 15MG,
25MG; 30MG, 25MG; 45MG
- Saxagliptin Hydrochloride
- Saxagliptin Hydrochloride/metformin
Hydrochloride Er
- Sitagliptin
- Zituvimet
- Zituvimet Xr

Details

Criteria	Trial of one of the following: Janumet, Janumet XR, Januvia, Jentadueto, Jentadueto XR, or Tradjenta
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EPINEPHRINE - SCORE

Products Affected

- Auvi-q

Details

Criteria	Trial of generic epinephrine
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FILGRASTIM - SCORE

Products Affected

- Granix
- Neupogen
- Nivestym
- Nypozi
- Releuko INJ 300MCG/0.5ML, 480MCG/0.8ML

Details

Criteria	Trial of Zarxio
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GABARONE - SCORE

Products Affected

- Gabarone TABS 100MG, 400MG

Details

Criteria	Trial of generic gabapentin. Approve for continuation of prior therapy.
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GIMOTI - SCORE

Products Affected

- Gimoti

Details

Criteria	Trial of a generic oral metoclopramide
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GLOPERBA -SCORE

Products Affected

- Gloperba

Details

Criteria	Trial of generic colchicine
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GLUCAGON- SCORE

Products Affected

- Glucagen Hypokit
- Zegalogue

Details

Criteria	Trial of one of the following: Gvoke, Baqsimi, or Glucagon
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INHALED CORTICOSTEROID - SCORE

Products Affected

- Armonair Digihaler
- Pulmicort Flexhaler

Details

Criteria	Trial of: Arnuity Ellipta or Qvar Redihaler
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INSULIN DELIVERY DEVICE THERAPY – SCORE

Products Affected

- Pivot Insulin Pump Starter Kit
- Pivot Supply Kit

Details

Criteria	Trial of VGo or Omnipod.
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INVEGA HAFYERA THERAPY - SCORE

Products Affected

- Invega Hafyera

Details

Criteria	Trial of one of the following: Invega Sustenna or Invega Trinza. Step applies to new starts only. Approve for continuation of prior therapy.
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LAMA - SCORE

Products Affected

- Tudorza Pressair

Details

Criteria	Trial of Spiriva Respimat or Incruse Ellipta
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LAMA LABA COMBO THERAPY - SILVER

Products Affected

- Duaklir Pressair
- Stiolto Respimat

Details

Criteria	Trial of both of the following brands: Bevespi, Anoro
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LEVAMLODIPINE - SCORE

Products Affected

- Conjupri
- Levamlodipine

Details

Criteria	Trial of generic amlodipine tablet
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LONG ACTING OPIOIDS - SCORE

Products Affected

- Hydrocodone Bitartrate Er T24A
- Hysingla Er
- Oxycodone Hcl Er T12A 40MG, 80MG
- Oxycodone Hydrochloride Er
- Oxycontin T12A

Details

Criteria	Trial of Xtampza ER. Step does not apply for those under age 18 years.
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NEXICLON -SCORE

Products Affected

- Clonidine Hydrochloride Er TB24
- Nexiclon Xr TB24

Details

Criteria	Trial of generic clonidine IR tablet
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NON-PREFERRED SGLT2 DPP4 COMBO THERAPY - SCORE

Products Affected

- Qtern
- Steglujan

Details

Criteria	Trial of Glyxambi or Trijardy
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NON-PREFERRED SGLT2s - SCORE

Products Affected

- Bexagliflozin
- Brenzavvy
- Inpefa
- Invokamet
- Invokamet Xr
- Invokana
- Segluromet
- Steglatro

Details

Criteria	Pending CMS Approval
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NON-PREFERRED SHORT-ACTING INSULIN -SCORE

Products Affected

- Admelog
- Admelog Solostar
- Kirsty

Details

Criteria	Trial of two of the following: Fiasp, Humalog, Novolog
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NORLIQVA - SCORE

Products Affected

- Norliqva

Details

Criteria	Trial of generic amlodipine tablet
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OPHTHALMIC NSAID - SCORE

Products Affected

- Acuvail
- Bromfenac Sodium SOLN 0.075%
- Bromsite

Details

Criteria	Trial of one generic ophthalmic NSAID solution: diclofenac, flurbiprofen, ketorolac AND one from: brand Prolensa, generic bromfenac 0.07%, Ilevro.
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OPHTHALMIC PROSTAGLANDIN THERAPY - SCORE

Products Affected

- Idose Tr
- Iyuzeh
- Omlonti
- Xelpros
- Zolybus

Details

Criteria	Trial of Lumigan and generic latanoprost
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OTIC ANTIBIOTICS - SCORE

Products Affected

- Xtoro

Details

Criteria	Trial of one of the following formulary generic otic drops: ciprofloxacin, ciprofloxacin-dexamethasone, ofloxacin.
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PANCREATIC ENZYMES - SCORE

Products Affected

- Pancreaze CPEP 149900UNIT;
37000UNIT; 97300UNIT,
15200UNIT; 2600UNIT; 8800UNIT,
24600UNIT; 4200UNIT;
14200UNIT, 61500UNIT;
10500UNIT; 35500UNIT,
83900UNIT; 21000UNIT;
54700UNIT, 98400UNIT;
16800UNIT; 56800UNIT
- Pertzye
- Viokace

Details

Criteria	Trial of both Creon and Zenpep
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RELISTOR - SCORE

Products Affected

- Relistor

Details

Criteria	Trial of lubiprostone, Constulose, Enulose, Generlac, lactulose, or Movantik
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ROSZET - SCORE

Products Affected

- Rosuvastatin/ezetimibe
- Roszet

Details

Criteria	Trial of either generic ezetimibe/simvastatin, or both generic ezetimibe AND one of the following generic statins: atorvastatin, fluvastatin, lovastatin, pravastatin, rosuvastatin, simvastatin, OR Brand Livalo
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RYTARY - SCORE

Products Affected

- Carbidopa/levodopa Er CPCR
- Rytary

Details

Criteria	Trial of one generic carbidopa/levodopa tablet (IR or ER)
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SDAMLO - SCORE

Products Affected

- Sdamlo

Details

Criteria	Trial of generic amlodipine tablet
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SEGLENTIS - SCORE

Products Affected

- Seglentis

Details

Criteria	Trial of generic celecoxib and generic tramadol IR tablet
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SOAANZ - SCORE

Products Affected

- Soanz

Details

Criteria	Trial of two of the following oral generic formulary loop diuretics: torsemide, furosemide, bumetanide
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SOVUNA THERAPY - SCORE

Products Affected

- Sovuna

Details

Criteria	Trial of generic hydroxychloroquine. Step does not apply for malaria in patients weighing less than 31 kg.
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STATINS - SCORE

Products Affected

- Altoprev TB24 20MG, 40MG, 60MG
- Atorvaliq
- Ezallor Sprinkle
- Flolipid
- Livalo

Details

Criteria	Trial of any one of the following generic formulary HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors (statin): atorvastatin, fluvastatin, lovastatin, pravastatin, rosuvastatin, simvastatin
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STATINS NON-PREFERRED - SCORE

Products Affected

- Zypitamag TABS 2MG, 4MG

Details

Criteria	Trial of Livalo
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SYMPROIC - SCORE

Products Affected

- Symproic

Details

Criteria	Trial of lubiprostone, Constulose, Enulose, Generlac, or lactulose
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TOLECTIN THERAPY - SCORE

Products Affected

- Tolectin 600

Details

Criteria	Trial of generic tolmetin
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TRIPTANS -SCORE

Products Affected

- Symbravo

Details

Criteria	Trial of two of the following oral generics: almotriptan, eletriptan, naratriptan, rizatriptan, sumatriptan, zolmitriptan
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UZEDY - SCORE

Products Affected

- Uzedy

Details

Criteria	Trial of one of the following: Perseris, generic risperidone IM injection, or brand Risperdal Consta. Approve for continuation of prior therapy.
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VALSARTAN SOLUTION - SCORE

Products Affected

- Valsartan SOLN

Details

Criteria	Trial of generic valsartan tablet
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XADAGO - SCORE

Products Affected

- Xadago

Details

Criteria	Trial of both of the following: generic selegiline and generic rasagiline
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ZIMHI - SCORE

Products Affected

- Zimhi

Details

Criteria	Trial of generic naloxone injection
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ZONISADE SUSPENSION - SCORE

Products Affected

- Zonisade

Details

Criteria	Trial of generic zonisamide capsule. Step applies to new starts only. Approve for continuation of prior therapy.
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ZUNVEYL THERAPY - SCORE

Products Affected

- Zunveyl

Details

Criteria	Trial of generic galantamine
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ZURNAI THERAPY - SCORE

Products Affected

- Zurnai

Details

Criteria	Trial of generic naloxone injection
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