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ACE-I/ARB

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trandolapril/verapamil

Step Therapy Criteria

If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Amlodipine Besylate-benazepril, Benazepril Hcl, Benazepril Hcl-hctz, Captopril, Captopril-hydrochlorothiazide, Enalapril Maleate, Enalapril Maleate-hctz, Fosinopril Sodium, Fosinopril-hydrochlorothiazide, Lisinopril, Lisinopril-hctz, Moexipril Hcl, Moexipril-hydrochlorothiazide, Perindopril erbumine, Quinapril Hcl, Quinapril-hydrochlorothiazide, Quinaretic, Ramipril, Trandolapril, Trandolapril-verapamil. Step 2 Drug(s): Azor, Diovan, Diovan Hct, Exforge, Exforge Hct, Losartan potassium, Losartan-hydrochlorothiazide, Micardis, Micardis Hct. Number of days for claims review for select

or first line drugs: 130 days. History effective date: 130 days prior to effective date.
Grandfathering: 130 days. On-line Pharmacy Message: "Use generic ACE inhibitor product first". Override allowed: Yes. Override NCPCP number: 75.

ALZHEIMER'S DRUGS

Affected Drugs

ARICEPT ODT®

ARICEPT®

EXELON®

galantamine

RAZADYNE®

rivastigmine tartrate

Step Therapy Criteria

If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Galantamine Hbr, Rivastigmine. Step 2 Drug(s): Aricept, Aricept Odt, Exelon, Razadyne. Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs: 130 days. History effective date: 130 days prior to effective date. Grandfathering: 130 days. On-line Pharmacy Message: "Use generic product first". Override allowed: Yes. Override NCPCP number: 75. This step therapy program applies to new utilizers only.

ANTIDEPRESSANTS- SSRI/SNRI

Affected Drugs

citalopram
CYMBALTA®
fluoxetine
fluvoxamine
paroxetine
PRISTIQ®
SAVELLA®
sertraline
venlafaxine

Step Therapy Criteria

If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Citalopram, Citalopram Hbr, Fluoxetine Dr, Fluoxetine Hcl, Fluvoxamine Maleate, Paroxetine Hcl, Sertraline Hcl, Venlafaxine Hcl, Venlafaxine Hcl Er. Step 2 Drug(s): Cymbalta, Pristiq, Savella. Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs: 130 days. History effective date: 130 days prior to effective date. Grandfathering: 130 days. Grandfathering includes all SSRI [Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor]/SNRI [Selective Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitor] [Selective Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitor] products as well as second-line drugs listed above. On-line Pharmacy Message: "Use generic SSRI [Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor]/SNRI [Selective Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitor] [Selective Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitor] first". Override allowed: Yes. Override NCPCP number: 75. This step therapy program applies to new utilizers only.

BISPHOSPHONATES ORAL

Affected Drugs

alendronate

BONIVA®

Step Therapy Criteria

If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Alendronate Sodium. Step 2 Drug(s): Boniva. Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs: 130 days. History effective date: 130 days prior to effective date. Grandfathering: 130 days. On-line Pharmacy Message: "Use generic alendronate first". Override allowed: Yes. Override NCPCP number: 75.

CCB - DIHYDROPYRIDINES

Affected Drugs

amlodipine
benazepril/amlodipine besylate
felodipine
isradipine
nicardipine
nifedipine
nimodipine
nisoldipine
SULAR®

Step Therapy Criteria

If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Afeditab Cr, Amlodipine Besylate, Amlodipine Besylate-benazepril, Felodipine Er, Isradipine, Nicardipine Hcl, Nifediac Cc, Nifedical XI, Nifedipine, Nifedipine Er, Nimodipine, Nisoldipine. Step 2 Drug(s): Sular. Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs: 130 days. History effective date: 130 days prior to effective date. Grandfathering: 130 days. On-line Pharmacy Message: "Use generic product first". Override allowed: Yes. Override NCPCP number: 75.

COX-2

Affected Drugs

CELEBREX®
diclofenac potassium
diclofenac sodium
etodolac
fenoprofen
flurbiprofen
ibuprofen
indomethacin
ketoprofen
ketorolac
meclofenamate
meloxicam
nabumetone
naproxen
naproxen sodium
oxaprozin
piroxicam
sulindac
tolmetin

Step Therapy Criteria

If the patient has tried two Step 1 drugs, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Diclofenac Potassium, Diclofenac Sodium, Etodolac, Fenoprofen Calcium, Flurbiprofen, Ibuprofen, Indomethacin, Ketoprofen, Ketorolac Tromethamine, Meclofenamate Sodium, Meloxicam, Nabumetone, Naproxen, Naproxen Sodium, Oxaprozin, Piroxicam, Sulindac, Tolmetin Sodium. Step 2 Drug(s): Celebrex. This step therapy program will exclude participants with a claims history of warfarin (Coumadin) within the last 130 days. Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs: 130 days. History effective date: 130 days prior to effective date. Grandfathering: 130 days. On-line Pharmacy Message: "Use 2 generic NSAIDs [Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs] first". Override allowed: Yes. Override NCPDP number: 75.

FENOFIBRATE

Affected Drugs

fenofibrate
LIPOFEN®

Step Therapy Criteria

If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Fenofibrate. Step 2 Drug(s): Lipofen. Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs: 130 days. History effective date: 130 days prior to effective date. Grandfathering: 130 days. On-line Pharmacy Message: "Use generic fenofibrate first". Override allowed: Yes. Override NCPDP number: 75.

HMG RULE 1

Affected Drugs

CRESTOR®

lovastatin

pravastatin

simvastatin

VYTORIN®

Step Therapy Criteria

If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Lovastatin, Pravastatin Sodium, Simvastatin. Step 2 Drug(s): Crestor, Vytorin. Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs: 130 days. History effective date: 130 days prior to effective date. Grandfathering: 130 days. On-line Pharmacy Message: "Use generic HMG first". Override allowed: Yes. Override NCPCP number: 75.

LYRICA

Affected Drugs

gabapentin

LYRICA®

NEURONTIN®

Step Therapy Criteria

If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Gabapentin, Neurontin. Step 2 Drug(s): Lyrica. Participant must have 60 days of gabapentin therapy in claims history. Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs: 130 days. History effective date: 130 days prior to effective date. Grandfathering: 130 days. On-line Pharmacy Message: "Use gabapentin first". Override allowed: Yes. Override NCPDP number: 75. Members with a history of the following drugs within the 130 day look back period are excluded from step therapy for Lyrica. Seizure Medications - Diazepam, Felbamate, Ethoin, Phenytoin, Succinimides, Primidone, Phenobarbital, or Diabetic Medications - Antidiabetic Meds. This step therapy program applies to new utilizers only.

OPHTHALMIC BETA BLOCKERS

Affected Drugs

betaxolol

carteolol

COMBIGAN®

dorzolamide/timolol

levobunolol

metipranolol

timolol

Step Therapy Criteria

If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Betaxolol Hcl, Carteolol Hcl, Dorzolamide-timolol, Levobunolol Hcl, Metipranolol, Timolol Maleate. Step 2 Drug(s): Combigan. Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs: 130 days. History effective date: 130 days prior to effective date. Grandfathering: 130 days. On-line Pharmacy Message: "Use generic oph beta blocker 1st". Override allowed: Yes. Override NCPCP number: 75.

OVERACTIVE BLADDER

Affected Drugs

ENABLEX®

oxybutynin

SANCTURA XR®

SANCTURA®

Step Therapy Criteria

If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Oxybutynin Chloride, Oxybutynin Chloride Er. Step 2 Drug(s): Enablex, Sanctura, Sanctura XR. Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs: 130 days. History effective date: 130 days prior to effective date. Grandfathering: 130 days. On-line Pharmacy Message: "Use generic oxybutynin product 1st". Override allowed: Yes. Override NCPCP number: 75.

PROTON PUMP INHIBITORS

Affected Drugs

lansoprazole

NEXIUM®

omeprazole

omeprazole/sodium bicarbonat

Step Therapy Criteria

If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Lansoprazole, Omeprazole, Omeprazole-sodium bicarbonate. Step 2 Drug(s): Nexium. Note - If a member has tried brand Prilosec, they do not need to try generic omeprazole. Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs: 130 days. History effective date: 130 days prior to effective date. Grandfathering: 130 days. On-line Pharmacy Message: "Use generic omeprazole first". Override allowed: Yes. Override NCPCP number: 75.

SEDATIVE HYPNOTICS

Affected Drugs

ROZEREM®

zaleplon

zolpidem

Step Therapy Criteria

If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Zaleplon, Zolpidem Tartrate. Step 2 Drug(s): Rozerem. Rozerem will be covered for members equal to or over the age of 65 years. For those under 65 years of age, the step therapy will apply. Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs: 130 days. History effective date: 130 days prior to effective date. Grandfathering: 130 days. On-line Pharmacy Message: "Use generic zolpidem IR or generic zaleplon 1st". Override allowed: Yes. Override NCPCP number: 75.

STRATTERA

Affected Drugs

amphetamine/dextroamphetamine

d-amphetamine

DESOXYN®

dexmethylphenidate

METADATE CD®

methamphetamine

methylphenidate

STRATTERA®

Step Therapy Criteria

If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Amphetamine Salt Combo, Desoxyn, Dexmethylphenidate Hcl, Dextroamphetamine Sulfate, Liquadd, Metadate CD [Crohn's Disease], Metadate Er, Methamphetamine, Methylin, Methylin Er, Methylphenidate Er, Methylphenidate Hcl. Step 2 Drug(s): Strattera. Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs: 130 days. Supported via therapy class 59100 CNS Stimulant Drugs excluding Provigil and pemoline (Cylert, generics). History effective date: 130 days prior to effective date. Grandfathering: 130 days. On-line Pharmacy Message: "Use stimulant first". Override allowed: Yes. Override NCPCP number: 75. Allow continuous users of second line drugs who have met first line criteria.

TEKTURNA

Affected Drugs

AZOR®
benazepril
benazepril/amlodipine besylate
benazepril/hctz
captopril
captopril/hctz
DIOVAN HCT®
DIOVAN®
enalapril
enalapril maleate/hctz
EXFORGE HCT®
EXFORGE®
fosinopril
fosinopril/hctz
lisinopril/hctz
LISINOPRIL®
losartan
losartan /hctz
MICARDIS HCT®
MICARDIS®
moexipril
moexipril/hctz
perindopril erbumine
quinapril
quinapril/hctz
ramipril
TEKTURNA HCT®
TEKTURNA®
trandolapril
trandolapril/verapamil

Step Therapy Criteria

If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Amlodipine Besylate-benazepril, Azor, Benazepril Hcl, Benazepril Hcl-hctz, Captopril, Captopril-hydrochlorothiazide, Diovan, Diovan Hct, Enalapril Maleate, Enalapril Maleate-hctz, Exforge, Exforge Hct, Fosinopril Sodium, Fosinopril-hydrochlorothiazide, Lisinopril, Lisinopril-hctz, Losartan potassium, Losartan-hydrochlorothiazide, Micardis, Micardis Hct, Moexipril Hcl, Moexipril-

hydrochlorothiazide, Perindopril erbumine, Quinapril Hcl, Quinapril-hydrochlorothiazide, Quinaretic, Ramipril, Trandolapril, Trandolapril-verapamil. Step 2 Drug(s): Tekturna, Tekturna Hct. Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs: 130 days. History effective date: 130 days prior to effective date. Grandfathering: 130 days. On-line Pharmacy Message: "Use generic ACE inhibitor product first". Override allowed: Yes. Override NCPCP number: 75.

THIAZOLIDINEDIONE

Affected Drugs

ACTOPLUS MET XR®
ACTOPLUS MET®
ACTOS®
AVANDAMET®
AVANDARYL®
AVANDIA®
DUETACT®
glipizide/metformin hcl
glyburide/metformin hcl
JANUMET®
metformin
RIOMET®

Step Therapy Criteria

If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Glipizide-metformin, Glyburide-metformin Hcl, Janumet, Metformin Hcl, Metformin Hcl Er, Riomet. Step 2 Drug(s): Actoplus Met, Actoplus Met XR, Actos, Avandamet, Avandaryl, Avandia, Duetact. Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs: 130 days. History effective date: 130 days prior to effective date. Grandfathering: 130 days. On-line Pharmacy Message: "Use generic metformin first". Override allowed: Yes. Override NCPCP number: 75.

TOPICAL IMMUNOMODULATORS

Affected Drugs

alclometasone
amcinonide
betameth/propylene glycol
betamethasone dipropionate
betamethasone valerate
clobetasol propionate
desonide
desoximetasone
diflorasone
ELIDEL®
fluocinolone acetonide
fluocinonide
fluticasone propionate
halobetasol propionate
hydrocortisone
hydrocortisone butyrate
hydrocortisone valerate
hydrocortisone/mo/petrolatum
mometasone
prednicarbate
PROTOPIC®
triamcinolone acetonide

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If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Alclometasone Dipropionate, Amcinonide, Betamethasone Dipropionate, Betamethasone Valerate, Beta-val, Clobetasol Emollient, Clobetasol Propionate, Cormax, Del-beta, Desonide, Desoximetasone, Diflorasone Diacetate, Fluocinolone Acetonide, Fluocinonide, Fluocinonide Emollient, Fluticasone Propionate, Halobetasol Propionate, Hydrocortisone, Hydrocortisone Butyrate, Hydrocortisone Valerate, Mometasone Furoate, Prednicarbate, Triamcinolone Acetonide, Triderm. Step 2 Drug(s): Elidel, Protopic. Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs: 60 days. History effective date: 130 days prior to effective date. Grandfathering: 130 days. On-line Pharmacy Message: "Use Rx topical steroid first". Override allowed: Yes. Override NCPCP number: 75.

ULORIC

Affected Drugs

allopurinol

colchicine/probenecid

probenecid

ULORIC®

Step Therapy Criteria

If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Allopurinol, Probenecid, Probenecid-colchicine. Step 2 Drug(s): Uloric. Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs: 130 days. History effective date: 130 days prior to effective date. Grandfathering: 130 days. On-line Pharmacy Message: "Use allopurinol or probenecid first". Override allowed: Yes. Override NCPDP number: 75.

ZETIA

Affected Drugs

ADVICOR®
CRESTOR®
lovastatin
pravastatin
SIMCOR®
simvastatin
VYTORIN®
ZETIA®

Step Therapy Criteria

If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Advicor, Crestor, Lovastatin, Pravastatin Sodium, Simcor, Simvastatin, Vytorin. Step 2 Drug(s): Zetia. Number of days for claims review for select or first line drugs: 130 days. History effective date: 130 days prior to effective date. Grandfathering: 130 days. On-line Pharmacy Message: "Use formulary HMG first". Override allowed: Yes. Override NCPCP number: 75.

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