

## STEP THERAPY CRITERIA

This list is current as of 11/01/2016 and pertains to the following formularies:

2016 Independent Health's Medicare Advantage Individual Part D Formulary	Version 27
2016 Independent Health's Medicare Advantage Employer Group's Part D Formulary	Version 27

In some cases, we require that you first try certain drugs to treat your medical condition before we will cover another drug for that condition. For example, if Drug A and Drug B both treat your medical condition, we may not cover Drug B unless you try Drug A first. If Drug A does not work for you, we will then cover Drug B. This document contains the Step Therapy protocols that are associated with our Medicare Advantage Part D Formularies.

If you have any questions, please contact Independent Health's Medicare Member Services Department at 1-800-665-1502 or, for TTY users, 1-800-432-1110, October 1<sup>st</sup> – February 14<sup>th</sup>: Monday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., February 15<sup>th</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>: Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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# ARB Step Therapy

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## Products Affected

- TEKTURNA HCT TABLET 150-12.5 MG ORAL
- TEKTURNA HCT TABLET 150-25 MG ORAL
- TEKTURNA HCT TABLET 300-12.5 MG ORAL
- TEKTURNA HCT TABLET 300-25 MG ORAL
- TEKTURNA TABLET 150 MG ORAL
- TEKTURNA TABLET 300 MG ORAL

## Details

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<b>Criteria</b>	Prior Prescription history of an ARB to obtain Tekturna, or Tekturna HCT
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# GLP-1 Step Therapy

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## Products Affected

- BYDUREON 2 MG SUBCUTANEOUS\*
- BYDUREON SUSPENSION RECONSTITUTED 2 MG SUBCUTANEOUS\*
- BYETTA 10 MCG PEN 10 MCG/0.04ML SUBCUTANEOUS\*
- BYETTA 5 MCG PEN 5 MCG/0.02ML SUBCUTANEOUS\*
- TANZEUM 30 MG SUBCUTANEOUS\*
- TANZEUM 50 MG SUBCUTANEOUS\*
- TRULICITY 0.75 MG/0.5ML SUBCUTANEOUS\*
- TRULICITY 1.5 MG/0.5ML SUBCUTANEOUS\*
- VICTOZA 18 MG/3ML SUBCUTANEOUS\*

## Details

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<b>Criteria</b>	Prior Prescription history includes concurrent use of metformin, or a sulfonylurea, DPP-4 or a TZD before Byetta or Bydureon or Victoza or Tanzeum or Trulicity. Step Therapy does not apply when written by endocrinologist.
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# GLYXAMBI Step

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## Products Affected

- GLYXAMBI TABLET 10-5 MG ORAL
- GLYXAMBI TABLET 25-5 MG ORAL

## Details

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<b>Criteria</b>	Requires either linagliptan or empagliflozin prior to use
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# Hectoral Step Therapy

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## Products Affected

- *doxercalciferol capsule 0.5 mcg oral*
- *doxercalciferol capsule 1 mcg oral*
- *doxercalciferol capsule 2.5 mcg oral*

## Details

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<b>Criteria</b>	Prior Prescription history includes past use of calcitriol.
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# PPI Step Therapy

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## Products Affected

- NEXIUM PACKET 10 MG ORAL
- NEXIUM PACKET 20 MG ORAL
- NEXIUM PACKET 40 MG ORAL

## Details

<b>Criteria</b>	Prior Prescription history includes use of omeprazole or pantoprazole except for NSAID-induced gastric ulcer prophylaxis or treatment
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# Tramadol ER

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## Products Affected

- CONZIP CAPSULE EXTENDED RELEASE 24 HOUR 100 MG ORAL
- CONZIP CAPSULE EXTENDED RELEASE 24 HOUR 200 MG ORAL
- CONZIP CAPSULE EXTENDED RELEASE 24 HOUR 300 MG ORAL
- *tramadol hcl er (biphasic) tablet extended release 24 hr\* 100 mg oral*
- *tramadol hcl er (biphasic) tablet extended release 24 hr\* 200 mg oral*
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- *tramadol hcl er capsule extended release 24 hour 200 mg oral*
- *tramadol hcl er capsule extended release 24 hour 300 mg oral*
- *tramadol hcl er tablet extended release 24 hr\* 100 mg oral*
- *tramadol hcl er tablet extended release 24 hr\* 200 mg oral*
- *tramadol hcl er tablet extended release 24 hr\* 300 mg oral*

## Details

<b>Criteria</b>	Requires the use of tramadol immediate release first
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# ZEMPLAR STEP THERAPY

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## Products Affected

- *paricalcitol capsule 1 mcg oral*
- *paricalcitol capsule 2 mcg oral*
- *paricalcitol capsule 4 mcg oral*

## Details

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<b>Criteria</b>	Prior Prescription history includes past use of calcitriol.
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