

STEP THERAPY CRITERIA

This list is current as of December 1, 2019 and pertains to the following formularies:

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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 the formularies listed above.

If you have any questions, please contact our Medicare Member Services Department at 1-800-667-5936 or, for TTY users 1-800-432-1110, October 1st – March 31st: Monday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., April 1st – September 30th: Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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The formulary may change at any time. You will receive notice when necessary.

ARB Step Therapy

Products Affected

- *aliskiren fumarate tablet 150 mg oral*
- *aliskiren fumarate tablet 300 mg oral*
- EDARBI TABLET 40 MG ORAL
- EDARBI TABLET 80 MG ORAL
- EDARBYCLOR TABLET 40-12.5 MG ORAL
- EDARBYCLOR TABLET 40-25 MG ORAL
- 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

Details

Criteria	Prior Prescription history of an ARB to obtain any product containing aliskiren.
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Brimonidine Topical

Products Affected

- MIRVASO GEL 0.33 % EXTERNAL

Details

Criteria	Prior prescription history positive for the use of azelaic acid.
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GLP-1 Step Therapy

Products Affected

- OZEMPIC (0.25 OR 0.5 MG/DOSE) SOLUTION PEN-INJECTOR 2 MG/1.5ML SUBCUTANEOUS
- OZEMPIC (1 MG/DOSE) SOLUTION PEN-INJECTOR 2 MG/1.5ML SUBCUTANEOUS
- RYBELSUS TABLET 14 MG ORAL
- RYBELSUS TABLET 3 MG ORAL
- RYBELSUS TABLET 7 MG ORAL
- TRULICITY SOLUTION PEN-INJECTOR 0.75 MG/0.5ML SUBCUTANEOUS
- TRULICITY SOLUTION PEN-INJECTOR 1.5 MG/0.5ML SUBCUTANEOUS
- VICTOZA SOLUTION PEN-INJECTOR 18 MG/3ML SUBCUTANEOUS

Details

Criteria	Prior Prescription history includes concurrent use of metformin, or a sulfonyleurea, DPP-4 or a TZD before Victoza Trulicity or Ozempic. Step Therapy does not apply when written by endocrinologist.
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Hectoral Step Therapy

Products Affected

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

Details

Criteria	Prior Prescription history includes past use of calcitriol.
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Rocklatan Step

Products Affected

- ROCKLATAN SOLUTION 0.02-0.005 %
OPHTHALMIC

Details

Criteria	Prior prescription history positive for the use of an ophthalmic prostaglandin inhibitor.
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Tramadol ER

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 hour 100 mg oral*
- *tramadol hcl er (biphasic) tablet extended release 24 hour 200 mg oral*
- *tramadol hcl er (biphasic) tablet extended release 24 hour 300 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 hour 100 mg oral*
- *tramadol hcl er tablet extended release 24 hour 200 mg oral*
- *tramadol hcl er tablet extended release 24 hour 300 mg oral*

Details

Criteria	
	Requires the use of tramadol immediate release first

ZEMPLAR STEP THERAPY

Products Affected

- *paricalcitol capsule 1 mcg oral*
- *paricalcitol capsule 2 mcg oral*
- *paricalcitol capsule 4 mcg oral*
- RAYALDEE CAPSULE EXTENDED RELEASE 30 MCG ORAL
- ZEMPLAR CAPSULE 2 MCG ORAL

Details

Criteria	Prior Prescription history includes past use of calcitriol.
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