

2027 Priority Health Medicare Step Therapy Criteria

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Dificid

Products Affected

- DIFICID SUSPENSION RECONSTITUTED 40 MG/ML ORAL
- DIFICID TABLET 200 MG ORAL

Details

Criteria	Must first try vancomycin.
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difluprednate

Products Affected

- *difluprednate emulsion 0.05 % ophthalmic*

Details

Criteria	Must first try one other generic steroid eye drop.
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eletriptan

Products Affected

- *eletriptan hydrobromide tablet 20 mg oral*
- *eletriptan hydrobromide tablet 40 mg oral*

Details

Criteria	Must first try TWO of the following: sumatriptan, rizatriptan, naratriptan and zolmitriptan.
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febuxostat

Products Affected

- *febuxostat tablet 40 mg oral*
- *febuxostat tablet 80 mg oral*

Details

Criteria	Must first try allopurinol.
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Fetzima

Products Affected

- FETZIMA CAPSULE EXTENDED RELEASE 24 HOUR 120 MG ORAL
- FETZIMA CAPSULE EXTENDED RELEASE 24 HOUR 20 MG ORAL
- FETZIMA CAPSULE EXTENDED RELEASE 24 HOUR 40 MG ORAL
- FETZIMA CAPSULE EXTENDED RELEASE 24 HOUR 80 MG ORAL
- FETZIMA TITRATION CAPSULE ER 24 HOUR THERAPY PACK 20 & 40 MG ORAL

Details

Criteria	Must have claim or confirmed trial for at least 28-days with 2 of the following generic antidepressants: duloxetine, venlafaxine (IR or XR), or desvenlafaxine.
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fidaxomicin

Products Affected

- *fidaxomicin tablet 200 mg oral*

Details

Criteria	Must first try vancomycin.
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loteprednol etabonate

Products Affected

- *loteprednol etabonate gel 0.5 % ophthalmic* *ophthalmic*
- *loteprednol etabonate suspension 0.5 %*

Details

Criteria	Must first try one of the following generic steroid eye drops: prednisolone, dexamethasone, or fluorometholone.
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paliperidone ER

Products Affected

- *paliperidone er tablet extended release 24 hour 1.5 mg oral*
- *paliperidone er tablet extended release 24 hour 3 mg oral*
- *paliperidone er tablet extended release 24 hour 6 mg oral*
- *paliperidone er tablet extended release 24 hour 9 mg oral*

Details

Criteria	Must have claim or confirmed trial with two of the following generic drugs: aripiprazole, olanzapine, quetiapine, risperidone, or ziprasidone for at least 28 days each.
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travoprost 0.04 mg/ml ophthalmic solution

Products Affected

- *travoprost (bak free) solution 0.004 %
ophthalmic*

Details

Criteria	Patient must first try latanoprost.
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Trintellix

Products Affected

- TRINTELLIX TABLET 10 MG ORAL
- TRINTELLIX TABLET 20 MG ORAL
- TRINTELLIX TABLET 5 MG ORAL

Details

Criteria	Must have claim or confirmed trial for at least 28-days with 2 of the following generic antidepressants: duloxetine, venlafaxine (IR or XR), or desvenlafaxine.
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vilazodone

Products Affected

- *vilazodone hcl tablet 10 mg oral*
- *vilazodone hcl tablet 20 mg oral*
- *vilazodone hcl tablet 40 mg oral*

Details

Criteria	Must have claim or confirmed trial for at least 28-days with 2 of the following generic antidepressants: duloxetine, venlafaxine (IR or ER), or desvenlafaxine.
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