

## STEP THERAPY CRITERIA

This list is current as of 11/01/2022 and pertains to the following formularies:

2022 Independent Health's Medicare Advantage Individual Part D Formulary	Version 21
2022 Independent Health's Medicare Advantage Employer Group's Part D Formulary	Version 21

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 our Medicare Member Services Department at 1-800-665-1502 or, for TTY users 711, October 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>: Monday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., April 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>: Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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

# Aliskiren Step

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## Products Affected

- *aliskiren fumarate tablet 150 mg oral*
- *aliskiren fumarate tablet 300 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

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<b>Criteria</b>	Prior prescription history of an ARB to obtain any products containing aliskiren.
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# Epsolay Step

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## Products Affected

- EPSOLAY CREAM 5 % EXTERNAL

## Details

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<b>Criteria</b>	Prior prescription history of at least one other topical rosacea medication used for papules/pustules including azelaic acid gel, ivermectin cream, or metronidazole products.
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# Eucrisa Step

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## Products Affected

- EUCRISA OINTMENT 2 % EXTERNAL

## Details

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<b>Criteria</b>	Prior prescription history positive for the use of either a topical corticosteroid or topical calcineurin inhibitor.
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# Exservan Step

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## Products Affected

- EXSERVAN FILM 50 MG ORAL

## Details

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<b>Criteria</b>	Requires the use of generic riluzole tablets first.
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# Febuxostat Step

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## Products Affected

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

## Details

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<b>Criteria</b>	Requires the use of allopurinol first.
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# Lonhala Step

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## Products Affected

- LONHALA MAGNAIR REFILL KIT SOLUTION 25 MCG/ML INHALATION
- LONHALA MAGNAIR STARTER KIT SOLUTION 25 MCG/ML INHALATION

## Details

<b>Criteria</b>	Prior prescription history positive for the use of a product containing a non-nebulized long-acting muscarinic antagonist such as tiotropium or umeclidinium.
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# Ongentys Step

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## Products Affected

- ONGENTYS CAPSULE 25 MG ORAL
- ONGENTYS CAPSULE 50 MG ORAL

## Details

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<b>Criteria</b>	Prior prescription history positive for the use of a product containing another COMTI such as entacapone.
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# Perforomist Step

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## Products Affected

- PERFORMIST NEBULIZATION SOLUTION 20 MCG/2ML INHALATION

## Details

<b>Criteria</b>	Prior prescription history positive for the use of nebulized arformoterol.
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## Pregabalin ER Step

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### Products Affected

- *pregabalin er tablet extended release 24 hour 165 mg oral*
- *pregabalin er tablet extended release 24 hour 330 mg oral*
- *pregabalin er tablet extended release 24 hour 82.5 mg oral*

### Details

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<b>Criteria</b>	Requires the use of an immediate-release pregabalin product first.
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# Qelbree Step

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## Products Affected

- QELBREE CAPSULE EXTENDED RELEASE 24 HOUR 100 MG ORAL
- QELBREE CAPSULE EXTENDED RELEASE 24 HOUR 150 MG ORAL
- QELBREE CAPSULE EXTENDED RELEASE 24 HOUR 200 MG ORAL

## Details

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<b>Criteria</b>	Requires the use of generic atomoxetine first.
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# Talicia Step

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## Products Affected

- TALICIA CAPSULE DELAYED RELEASE 250-12.5-10 MG ORAL

## Details

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<b>Criteria</b>	Prior prescription history positive for the use of an empiric (standard first-line) Helicobacter pylori regimen.
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# Tramadol ER Biphasic Step

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## Products Affected

- *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*
- *tramadol hcl er capsule extended release 24 hour 100 mg oral*
- *tramadol hcl er capsule extended release 24 hour 200 mg oral*
- *tramadol hcl er capsule extended release 24 hour 300 mg oral*

## Details

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<b>Criteria</b>	Requires the use of an immediate-release tramadol product or non-biphasic extended-release tramadol first.
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# Vitamin D Analog Step

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## Products Affected

- *doxercalciferol capsule 0.5 mcg oral*
- *doxercalciferol capsule 1 mcg oral*
- *doxercalciferol capsule 2.5 mcg oral*
- *paricalcitol capsule 1 mcg oral*
- *paricalcitol capsule 2 mcg oral*
- *paricalcitol capsule 4 mcg oral*
- RAYALDEE CAPSULE EXTENDED RELEASE 30 MCG ORAL

## Details

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