

2026 AffirmedRx Choice Formulary Changes

AffirmedRx will update its drug lists **effective January 1, 2026**. These updates may include the following types of changes:

- Formulary to Non-Formulary: These drugs are no longer preferred by your health plan. If there is a clinical reason identified by your doctor or health care provider that requires you to continue taking your current medication, your doctor can submit a prior authorization request to obtain approval for the medication.
- Non-Formulary to Formulary: These drugs have been added to the formulary. Additional requirements may apply.
- Excluded Drugs: These drugs are no longer covered by your prescription benefit plan.
- Tier Changes: Drugs that remain covered but may move to a higher (up-tier), or lower (down-tier) tier. Your out-of-pocket costs may change.
- Utilization Management Updates: Certain medications may now require prior authorization, step therapy, age or quantity limits
- *Additional requirements may apply to the medications listed in this document. This includes but is not limited to Step Therapy, Quantity Limits, or Prior Authorization. Please scan the QR code below for a full listing of covered medications and associated edits.*



Formulary to Non-Formulary:

Drug	Drug Class	Alternatives
Benzoyl peroxide foam	Topical Agents for Acne	Benzoyl peroxide 10% wash
Benzoyl peroxide 6.5%, 8% gel	Topical Agents for Acne	Benzoyl peroxide 5%, 10% gel
Benzoyl peroxide-hydrocortisone lotion	Topical Agents for Acne	Benzoyl peroxide gel, clindamycin phos-benzoyl peroxide gel
Bomyntra	Agents for Bone Loss in Cancer	Bilprevda
Clindacin Pledgets	Topical Agents for Acne	Clindamycin lotion, solution
Conexence	Osteoporosis Products	Bildyos
Humira	Adalimumab Products	adalimumab-aaty, adalimumab-fkjp, Abrilada, Hadlima, Simlandi, Yusimry
Nivestym	Agents to Stimulate White Blood Cells	Nypozi
Ojjaara	Oncology Agents	Jakafi
Onureg	Oncology Agents	Venclexta
Osenvelt	Agents for Bone Loss in Cancer	Bilprevda
Prolia	Osteoporosis Products	Bildyos

Resorcinol-sulfur lotion	Topical Agents for Acne	sulfacetamide sodium-sulfur liquid
Rezvoglar	Insulins	insulin glargine-yfgn, Lantus
Stelara	Ustekinumab products	Otulf, Yesintek
Stoboclo	Osteoporosis Products	Bildyos
Triamterene	Drugs for High Blood Pressure	Spironolactone
Xgeva	Agents for Bone Loss in Cancer	Bilprevda

Non-Formulary to Formulary:

Drug	Drug Class	New Tier
Abrilada	Adalimumab products	Tier 4
Aimovig	Migraine Products	Tier 2
Joyeaux	Contraceptives	Tier 3
Nypozi	Agents to Stimulate White Blood Cells	Tier 3
Wegovy	Weight Management Agents	Tier 2
Sotyktu	Agents for Psoriasis	Tier 4
Ngenla	Growth Hormones	Tier 4
Orencia	Agents for Immune Conditions	Tier 4
Tyenne	Tocilizumab Products	Tier 4

Newly Excluded:

Drug	Drug Class
Auvi-Q	Epinephrine Product
Aplenzin	Antidepressants
Botox	Botulinum Toxin Products
COVID-19 Test Kits	Diagnostic Tests
Dysport	Botulinum Toxin Products
Glumetza	Diabetes
Horizant	Nerve Pain Agent
Lagevrio	Antivirals
Minocycline ER	Oral Agents for Acne
Myobloc	Botulinum Toxin Products
Seysara	Oral Agents for Acne
SE-Natal 19	Prenatal
Tarpeyo	Corticosteroid
Urimar-T	Drugs for the Bladder
Xeomin	Botulinum Toxin Products
Xdemvy	Ophthalmic Agent
Xhance Exhaler	Nasal Steroid

Tier Changes:

Up-Tiers

Drug	Drug Class	New Tier
Adapalene cream	Topical Agents for Acne	Tier 3
Adapalene-benzoyl peroxide gel 0.3-2.5 %	Topical Agents for Acne	Tier 2
Clindacin Foam	Topical Agents for Acne	Tier 3
Clindamycin phos (once-daily)	Topical Agents for Acne	Tier 2
Clindamycin phos-benzoyl perox gel 1.2-2.5 %	Topical Agents for Acne	Tier 2

Dapsone gel	Topical Agents for Acne	Tier 3
Desmopressin acetate injection	Vasopressin Hormone	Tier 3
Desmopressin acetate nasal	Vasopressin Hormone	Tier 3
Desmopressin acetate spray refrig	Vasopressin Hormone	Tier 4
Ery Pad 2 % External	Topical Agents for Acne	Tier 2
Pimecrolimus	Topical Agents for Atopic Dermatitis	Tier 2
SSS 10-5 Cream 10-5 % External	Topical Agents for Acne	Tier 2
Sulfacetamide sodium lotion	Topical Agents for Acne	Tier 3
Sulfacetamide sodium-sulfur cream/liquid/lotion/pad	Topical Agents for Acne	Tier 3
Sulfacetamide sodium-sulfur suspension	Topical Agents for Acne	Tier 2
Sunosi	Agents to Treat Excessive Daytime Sleepiness	Tier 4
Topiramate ER capsule (Troken XR)	Anticonvulsants	Tier 3
Tretinoin gel	Topical Agents for Acne	Tier 2
Tretinoin microsphere gel	Topical Agents for Acne	Tier 3
Wakix	Agents to Treat Excessive Daytime Sleepiness	Tier 4

Down-Tiers

Drug	Drug Class	New Tier
Acetazolamide ER capsule	Enzyme Inhibitor	Tier 1
Alora Patch	Estrogens	Tier 1
Anastrozole	Oncology Agents	Tier 1
Bicalutamide	Oncology Agents	Tier 1
Cabergoline	Dopamine Agonist	Tier 1
CalciFol wafer	Calcium Products	Tier 1
Captopril-Hydrochlorothiazide	Drugs for High Blood Pressure	Tier 2
Cinacalcet	Calcium-like Agent	Tier 2
Clopidogrel 300 mg	Anti-Clotting Product	Tier 1
Depo-SubQ Provera	Contraceptives	Tier 1
Donepezil 5 mg, 10 mg	Antidementia Agents	Tier 1
Efavirenz	Antiretrovirals	Tier 2
Emtricitabine-tenofovir df 200-300 mg	Antiretrovirals	Tier 1
Encare vaginal suppository	Contraceptives	Tier 1
Ezetimibe-simvastatin	Agents for Hyperlipidemia	Tier 2
Fesoterodine fumarate ER	Drugs for the Bladder	Tier 1
Folivane-Plus, Folivane-F	Iron Products	Tier 1
Hematogen FA	Iron Products	Tier 2
Hemocyt Plus	Iron Products	Tier 1
Hyoscyamine sulfate ER tablet	Antispasmodics	Tier 1
Ibandronate	Osteoporosis Products	Tier 1
Imiquimod 5% cream	Dermatological Products	Tier 2
Integra Plus, Integra F	Iron Products	Tier 1
Iron Folate-F	Iron Products	Tier 1
Keralyt shampoo	Dermatological Products	Tier 2
Kloxxado	Opioid Overdose Antidotes	Tier 3
Lamotrigine chewable tablet	Anticonvulsants	Tier 1
Leflunomide	Arthritis Products	Tier 1
Lidocaine-prilocaine cream	Topical Pain Relief	Tier 1
Lurasidone	Antipsychotics	Tier 1
Mesalamine enema	Inflammatory Bowel Agents	Tier 1
Nebusal 6% nebulization solution	Respiratory Inhalants	Tier 1
Nevirapine tablet	Antiretrovirals	Tier 1
Nyamyx	Antifungals	Tier 1

Nystop	Antifungals	Tier 2
Omeprazole+Syrspend SF Alka	Gastrointestinal and Heartburn	Tier 2
Ondansetron injection	Antinausea	Tier 1
PramOtic	Ear Infections	Tier 1
Prasugrel	Anti-Clotting Products	Tier 1
Rabeprazole tablet	Gastrointestinal and Heartburn	Tier 1
Rivastigmine patch	Antidementia Agents	Tier 2
Silodosin	Drugs for the Prostate	Tier 1
Tacrolimus capsule	Immunosuppressants	Tier 2
Ticagrelor	Antiplatelets	Tier 2
Voriconazole tablet	Antifungals	Tier 3
Xifaxan	Gastrointestinal Anti-Infectives	Tier 3
Zidovudine tablet	Antiretrovirals	Tier 1
Ziprasidone	Antipsychotics	Tier 1

Utilization Management Changes

Medications are regularly reviewed to ensure appropriate utilization management strategies including age limits, prior authorization, quantity limits (QL), or step therapy requirements.

Drug	Drug Class	Change
Combination Topical Acne Agents Containing Adapalene, Azelaic acid, Tretinoin, or Tazarotene	Topical Agents for Acne	Addition of Max Age Limit of 25 Years
Isotretinoin Products (isotretinoin, Amnesteem, Claravis, Zenatane)	Oral Agents for Acne	Addition of Max Age Limit of 25 Years
		Removal of Prior Authorization Requirement
Palynziq	Agents for Phenylketonuria	Addition of a Step Therapy Requirement
Ovidrel	Fertility Agents	Removal of Prior Authorization
Albuterol sulfate nebulization solution 0.5% (2.5 mg/0.5mL, 5 mg/mL)	Asthma/Respiratory	Updated QL: 120 mL per 30 days
Atovaquone Suspension	Antibiotic	Added QL: 300 mL per 30 days
Calcitonin (salmon) injection	Hormones	Added QL: 14 mL per 28 days
Estradiol gel 0.75 mg/1.25 gm (0.06%)	Estrogens	Updated QL: 75gm per 30 days
Fasenra Solution Prefilled Syringe 10 MG/0.5ML Subcutaneous	Asthma/Respiratory	Updated QL: 0.5 mL per 56 days
Fasenra Solution Prefilled Syringe 30 MG/ML Subcutaneous	Asthma/Respiratory	Updated QL: 1.2 mL per 56 days
Kisqali (400 MG Dose) Tablet Therapy Pack 200 MG Oral	Oncology Agents	Updated QL: 42 per 28 days
Omnipod 5 DexG7G6 Intro Gen 5 Kit	Device for Diabetes	Updated QL: 1 kit per year
Omnipod 5 DexG7G6 Pods Gen 5	Device for Diabetes	Updated QL: 15 pods per 30 days
Oxervate Solution 0.002 % Ophthalmic	Drugs for the Eye	Updated QL: 112 mL per year
Paxlovid (150/100) Pack	Antivirals	Updated QL: 20 per 30 days
Paxlovid (300/100) Pack	Antivirals	Updated QL: 30 per 30 days
Perampanel	Anticonvulsants	Added QL: 30 per 30 days

Strensiq 80 mg/0.8mL	Enzyme Therapy	Updated QL: 19.2 mL per 28 days
Xolair 75 mg/0.5mL	Asthma/Allergy	Added QL: 1 mL per 28 days
Xolair 150 mg/mL syringe, auto-injector	Asthma/Allergy	Added QL: 2 mL per 28 days
Xolair 300 mg/2mL	Asthma/Allergy	Added QL: 8 mL per 28 days
Xolair 150 mg/mL vial	Asthma/Allergy	Updated QL: 4 mL per 28 days

Affordable Care Act Preventive Drug List Updates

To remain compliant with Affordable Care Act (ACA) requirements, AffirmedRx periodically reviews and updates its ACA drug list. As part of this process, some medications may be removed, which could affect coverage and out-of-pocket costs. See table below for products that will no longer be part of AffirmedRx’s ACA benefit:

Drug Class	Drug
Antivirals	Lagevrio
	Paxlovid
Smoking Cessation Agent	Apo-varenicline
Diagnostic Tests	COVID-19 Test Kits
Vaccines	ACAM2000 Vaccine
	BCG Vaccine
	Imovax Rabies Vaccine
	RabAvert Vaccine
	Ticovac Vaccine

Additional Information:

1. Information is subject to change
2. Certain changes described in this document may not be applicable to your specific health plan. For example, your plan may not cover drugs to treat certain conditions such as weight loss or infertility.
3. Refer to your plan documents for costs and complete details of your benefits, exclusions, and limitations of coverage.