

Step Therapy Criteria
Samaritan Advantage
Effective: 07/01/2026

ACTINIC KERATOSIS - SCORE

Products Affected

- Diclofenac Sodium GEL 3%

Details

Criteria	Trial of either topical fluorouracil or topical imiquimod
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ANTIDEPRESSANTS - SCORE

Products Affected

- Emsam
- Exxua
- Exxua Titration Pack
- Fetzima
- Fetzima Titration Pack
- Venlafaxine Besylate Er

Details

Criteria	Trial of two generics of the following formulary products: bupropion, mirtazapine, citalopram, desvenlafaxine succinate ER, duloxetine, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline, venlafaxine hydrochloride. Approve for continuation of prior therapy.
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ATYPICAL ANTIPSYCHOTICS - SCORE

Products Affected

- Fanapt
- Fanapt Titration Pack A
- Lybalvi
- Secuado

Details

Criteria	Trial of two of the following oral generic formulary atypical antipsychotic agents: asenapine, aripiprazole, olanzapine, paliperidone, quetiapine, risperidone, ziprasidone. Approve for continuation of prior therapy.
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DPP4 INHIBITORS NON-PREFERRED - SCORE

Products Affected

- Saxagliptin Hydrochloride/metformin Hydrochloride Er

Details

Criteria	Trial of one of the following: Janumet, Janumet XR, Januvia, Jentadueto, Jentadueto XR, or Tradjenta
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FILGRASTIM - SCORE

Products Affected

- Granix
- Neupogen

Details

Criteria	Trial of Zarxio
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INVEGA HAFYERA THERAPY - SCORE

Products Affected

- Invega Hafyera

Details

Criteria	Trial of one of the following: Invega Sustenna or Invega Trinza. Step applies to new starts only. Approve for continuation of prior therapy.
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RELISTOR - SCORE

Products Affected

- Relistor

Details

Criteria	Trial of lubiprostone, Constulose, Enulose, Generlac, or lactulose
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ZONISADE SUSPENSION - SCORE

Products Affected

- Zonisade

Details

Criteria	Trial of generic zonisamide capsule. Step applies to new starts only. Approve for continuation of prior therapy.
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