

Pharmacy Program Updates for January 2019

The information provided below applies to members of all groups that use the BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina **Preferred Drug List** (PDL) and the **Try Generics Drug List**. They do NOT apply to members of groups using the Caremark Formulary or to members with Marketplace/Affordable Care Act (ACA) health plans.

EXCLUDED DRUG LIST UPDATES

These drugs will be **excluded** as of Jan. 1, 2019.

- fenoprofen (generic)
- Lazanda
- Levorphanol
- naprelan (generic)
- Oxtellar XR (only brand excluded; generic is covered)
- Qudexy XR (only brand excluded; generic is covered)
- Remodulin
- Tassigna
- Trokendi XR (only brand excluded; generic is covered)
- Ventavis
- Zolpimist

These previously excluded drugs will be **added to the formulary** as of Jan. 1, 2019.

- Biktarvy (preferred brand)
- Cimduo (preferred brand)
- Descovy (preferred brand)
- Odefsey (preferred brand)
- Ozempic (preferred brand)
- Symfi/Lo (preferred brand)
- Vraylar (non-preferred brand)

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION PROGRAM UPDATES

The **bolded, red** drugs in the middle column will be added to the **Prior Authorization** program as of Jan. 1, 2019.

Condition/Drug Class	Before you have coverage for one of these drugs you must have tried one (or more) of these alternative drugs first.
Diabetes (Insulin)	All Apidra, Humalog, Humulin (<i>except U-500</i>), Novolin Relion	Novolog, Novo Novolin
Diabetes (DPP-4)	Jentadueto/XR, Kazano, Kombiglyze XR , Nesina, Onglyza , Oseni, Tradjenta	Januvia, Janumet/XR
Diabetes (GLP-1)	Bydureon/BCISE , Byetta	Ozempic, Trulicity, Victoza <i>These drugs require prior use of metformin, metformin ER (generic Glucophage XR) or authorization through the CVS Caremark* Prior Authorization department.</i>

STEP THERAPY PROGRAM UPDATES

The **bolded, red** drug in the right-hand column will be added to the **Step Therapy** program as of Jan. 1, 2019.

Condition/Drug Class	First-Choice Drugs You must try one or more of these drugs first, or your doctor must request an override for you ...	Second-Choice Drugs ... before you can get coverage for these drugs.
Behavioral Health	TWO of these generics: aripiprazole, clozapine/ODT, olanzapine, paliperidone, quetiapine, quetiapine ext rel, risperidone, ziprasidone	Clozaril, Fanapt, Fazaclo, Geodon, Invega, Latuda, Risperdal, Saphris, Versacloz, Vraylar , Zyprexa

PREFERRED DRUG LIST UPDATES

As of Jan. 1, 2019, brand-name **Cialis** is moving to non-preferred status due to the availability of a generic alternative (tadalafil).

SPECIALTY DRUG UPDATES

These **specialty drugs** are moving to **preferred** status and will also require prior authorization.

- Bosulif
- Erleada
- Ibrance
- Kevzara
- Kisqali
- Opsumit
- Uptravi
- Xeljanz/XR
- Xtandi
- Zytiga

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