BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois

Prior Authorization/Step Therapy Program

This program encourages safe, cost-effective medication use by allowing coverage when certain conditions are met. A clinical team of physicians and pharmacists develops and approves the clinical programs and criteria by reviewing FDA-approved labeling, scientific literature and nationally recognized guidelines.

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Drug Category	**Target Drugs**	**Program Intent**
Accrufer	Accrufer	Helps ensure that all other forms of iron available over the counter are not clinically appropriate and that dosing follows what is recommended in product labeling.
Actinic Keratosis	*Diclofenac Gel:* diclofenac gel *Fluorouracil Cream:* Carac, Efudex/ fluorouracil cream, Fluoroplex, Tolak *Imiquimod Cream:* Aldara, Zyclara/ imiquimod *Tirbanibulin Ointment:* Klisyri	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Acute Migraine	Elyxyb, Migranal, Reyvow, Trudhesa	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Afrezza	Afrezza	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling and encourages appropriate use and the use of cost-effective preferred rapid acting insulin product(s).
Alternative Dosage Form	Carafate/sucralfate suspension, Cuvposa solution, Diphenoxylate-atropine liquid, Entresto sprinkles, Epaned solution, Fleqsuvy suspension, Gimoti (metoclopramide HCl) nasal spray, Indocin suppository, Indocin suspension, Inzirqo suspension, Katerzia suspension, Lyvispah (baclofen) granules, Meloxicam suspension, Naprosyn/naproxen suspension, Nexium granules, Norliqva (amlodipine) Oral solution, Ozobax solution/baclofen, Qbrelis solution, Sotylize solution, Sprix/ketorolac nasal spray, Tiglutik suspension	Helps encourage use of the more cost effective oral solid dosage form prior to target agents according to dosing recommended in product labeling. The program requires the prescriber provide documentation that the oral solid dosage form is not clinically appropriate for the patient. This program is not applicable to children, defined as members 12 years of age and under, who often experience issues with being able to swallow oral solid dosage forms.

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Androgens Anabolic Steroids	Androgel/generic testosterone, Aveed, Azmiro, Depo-Testosterone, Fortesta, Jatenzo, Kyzatrex, Methitest, Methyltestosterone, Natesto, Testim, Testopel, testosterone enanthate, Testosterone TD Gel, Tlando, Undecatrex, Vogelxo, Xyosted	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Antifungals (formerly Antifungal Agents)	Brexafemme, Cresemba, Noxafil/ posaconazole, Tolsura, Vfend/ voriconazole, Vivjoa	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Bempedoic Acid	Nexletol, Nexlizet	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Bonjesta/Diclegis	Bonjesta, Diclegis/doxylamine-pyridoxine	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling. Accommodates the use of target agents when the prescriber has provided documentation that the use of the individual ingredients within the target combination agent as separate dosage forms is not clinically appropriate.
Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide (CGRP)	Aimovig, Ajovy, Emgality, Nurtec ODT, Qulipta, Ubrelvy, Zavzpret	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Cannabidiol	Epidiolex	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling, and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies
Combination NSAIDs (Pain Management)	Duexis/ibuprofen/famotidine, Vimovo/naproxen/esomeprazole, Yosprala/aspirin-omeprazole	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling. Accommodates the use of target agents when the prescriber has provided documentation that the use of the individual ingredients within the target combination agent as separate dosage forms is not clinically appropriate.
Constipation Agents (formerly Opioid Induced Constipation)	Amitiza/lubiprostone, Ibsrela, Motegirty/prucalopride, Relistor	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Continuous Glucose Monitor	Dexcom G6 CGM System, Dexcom G7 CGM System, Freestyle Libre, Freestyle Libre 2, Freestyle Libre 3	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.

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Dry Eye Disease (formerly Ophthalmic Immunomodulators)	Cequa, Eysuvis, Miebo, Restasis/ cyclosporine ophthalmic emulsion, Tyrvaya, Vevye, Xiidra	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Elagolix Relugolix (formerly Orlissa)	Myfembree, Oriahnn, Orilissa	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Eohilia	Eohilia	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Fintepla	Fintepla	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Furoscix	Furoscix	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
GLP-1 (glucagon-like peptide-1) Agonists	Bydureon Bcise, Byetta, Exenatide, Liraglutide, Mounjaro, Ozempic, Rybelsus, Trulicity, Victoza	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling who have tried an antidiabetic agent.
Hyftor	Hyftor	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Hyperhidrosis	Qbrexza, Sofdra	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Hyperpolarized Activated Cyclic Nucleotide Gated (HCN) Channel Blocker	Corlanor/ivabradine	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Hypoactive Sexual Desire Disorder (HSDD)	Addyi, Vyleesi	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.

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Insulin Pumps	iLet Bionic Pancreas, Omnipod Classic Pods, Omnipod DASH Kit Intro, Omnipod DASH pods, Omnipod 5 G6 Kit Intro, Omnipod 5 G6 Pods, Omnipod 5 G7 Kit Intro, Omnipod 5 G7 Pods, twiist	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Metformin (formerly Metformin ER)	Glumetza/metformin extended-release, Metformin 625 mg, Metformin 750 mg, Riomet	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and according to dosing recommended in product labeling. Encourage the use of cost-effective non-targeted generic metformin agent over the more expensive brand agents.
Northera	Northera	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Onychomycosis (formerly Antifungal Agents - Onychomycosis)	Ciclopirox, Jublia, Kerydin/tavaborole, Sporanox	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling. Discourages cosmetic utilization.
Opioids	Oxycontin	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Opzelura	Opzelura	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling. Also, to encourage use of Xtampza before use of target products when appropriate.
Oral Tetracycline Derivatives	*Doxycycline products:* Acticlate/generic doxycycline, doxycycline monohydrate, Doryx (and generic equivalents), Doryx MPC (and generic equivalents), Doxycycline, Monodox, Oracea, Targadox, Vibramycin *Minocycline products:* Emrosi, Minocin, minocycline tablet, Minocycline SR (and generic equivalents), Minolira, Solodyn (and generic equivalents), Ximino *Tetracycline products:* Seysara, Tetracycline	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and encourages use of preferred oral generic doxycyline and minocycline agents before use of target products when appropriate.
Pancreatic Enzymes	Creon, Pancreaze, Pertzye, Viokace, Zenpep	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.

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PCSK9 Inhibitors	Praluent, Repatha	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Pseudobulbar Affect	Nuedexta	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Rapid to Intermediate Acting Insulin (formerly Insulin Agents)	Admelog, Admelog Solostar, Apidra, Fiasp pumpcart, Insulin Aspart, Insulin Aspart Mix, Insulin Lispro, Insulin Lispro Junior Kwikpen, Insulin Lispro Kwikpen, Insulin Lispro Mix, Merilog	Encourages the use of preferred insulin products unless not clinically appropriate and that dosing follows what is recommended in product labeling.
Rayos	Rayos	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Selective Serotonin Inverse Agonist (SSIA)	Nuplazid	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Sunosi	Sunosi	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Supplemental Therapeutic Alternatives	Daraprim, Rytary	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and according to dosing recommended in product labeling and helps ensure the appropriate use of cost-effective, clinically appropriate, preferred alternatives over other high-cost agents.
Tarpeyo	Tarpeyo	Encourages appropriate selection of patients for treatment according to product labeling and/or clinical studies and/or guidelines. Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.

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Therapeutic Alternatives	Absorica/Absorica LD, Adapalene, Ala-Scalp, Alphagan-P, Amrix, Aplenzin, Ativan, Azelex, Bethkis, Bupap, Cabtreo, Cafergot, Cambia/diclofenac, Carbinoxamine Maleate 6mg, Chlorzoxazone, Coxanto, Crotan Lotion, Cuprimine, Denavir Cream 1%, diclofenac potassium, Diflorasone cream, diflorasone ointment, Econazole Nitrate 1% foam, Elepsia XR, Ergomar, Ertaczo 2% cream, Exelderm 1% cream, Exelderm 1% solution, Extina, Fenoprofen, fenofibrate 120 mg, Flurazepam, Innopran XL, Kenalog spray, Ketoprofen 25 mg, Ketoprofen 50 mg, Ketoprofen ER 200 mg, Kitabis Pak, Konvomep suspension, Lexette, Librax, Lorzone, mefenamic acid, mupirocin cream, naftifine 1% cream, Naftin 2% cream, Naftin 1% gel, Naftin 2% gel, Nalfon, Nalocet, Naprelan, Neffy, Noritate, Oxistat, prednisolone sodium phosphate solution, prednisolone tablet, Prolate, Reltone, Rhofade, Sitavig, Sorilux, Sovuna, Tanlor, TOBI, TOBI Podhaler, Treximet 85/500 mg, Vivlodex, Wellbutrin XL, Xerese, Zegerid/ omeprazole-sodium bicarbonate, Zembrace, Zipsor, Zovirax cream 5%	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and according to dosing recommended in product labeling and helps ensure the appropriate use of cost-effective, clinically appropriate, preferred alternatives over other high-cost agents.
Topical Doxepin	Doxepin, Prudoxin, Zonalon cream	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Topical Lidocaine	Lidoderm/lidocaine patch, lidocaine ointment, Pliaglis, Synera, Ztlido	Encourages the use of OTC topical lidocaine products unless not clinically appropriate and that dosing follows what is recommended in product labeling.
Topiramate ER	Qudexy XR/Topiramate ER, Trokendi XR	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Vascepa	Vascepa/icosapent ethyl	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Vasomotor Symptoms (formerly Neurokinin Receptor Antagonists)	Veozah	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.

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Verkazia	Verkazia	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Verquvo	Verquvo	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Vtama	Vtama	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies.
Winlevi	Winlevi 1% cream	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies.
Xdemvy	Xdemvy	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Xhance	Xhance	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Xphozah	Xphozah	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Zelsuvmi	Zelsuvmi	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Zoryve	Zoryve	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies.

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Agamree Emflaza (formerly Emflaza)	Agamree, Emflaza	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Alhemo	Alhemo	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.

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Amifampridine (formerly Firdapse)	Firdapse	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Arikayce	Arikayce	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
ATTR Amyloidosis (formerly ATTR Amyloidosis Neuropathy)	Attruby, Tegsedi, Vyndaqel, Vyndamax, Wainua	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Biologic Immunomodulators (Rheumatoid Arthritis/Psoriasis)	Abrilada, Actemra subcutaneous, Adalimumab-adaz, Adalimumab-fkjp, Amjevita, Bimzelx, Cimzia, Cosentyx, Cyltezo, Enbrel, Entyvio, Hadlima, Hulio, Humira, Humira Starter Kits, Hyrimoz, Idacio, Imuldosa, Kevzara, Kineret, Leqselvi, Litfulo, Olumiant, Omvoh, Orencia subcutaneous, Otulfi, Pyzchiva, Rinvoq, Selarsdi, Siliq, Simlandi, Simponi, Skyrizi, Sotyktu, Stelara, Steqeyma, Taltz, Tremfya, Tyenne, Velsipity, Wezlana, Xeljanz, Xeljanz XR, Yesintek, Yuflyma, Yusimry, Zymfentra	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling. Encourages the use of first-line agents prior to the use of preferred Biological Immunomodulators. Also encourages the use of preferred agents based on indication prior to the use of a non-preferred biologic immunomodulator.
Camzyos	Camzyos	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Cholestasis Pruritus	Bylvay, Livmarli	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies.
Cibinqo	Cibinqo	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Coagulation Factor VIIa	NovoSeven RT, Sevenfact	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Corticotropin (formerly H.P. Acthar)	Acthar Gel, Cortrophin Gel, Purified Cortrophin Gel	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling. FDA-approved and/or clinically supported indications limited to infantile spasms for patients under 24 months of age.

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Crenessity	Crenessity	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Ctexli	Ctexli	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Cystic Fibrosis Transmembrane Conductance Regulator (CFTR) (formerly Cystic Fibrosis)	Alyftrek, Kalydeco, Orkambi, Symdeko, Trikafta	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Daybue	Daybue	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Dojolvi	Dojolvi	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies.
Duvyzat	Duvyzat	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Efgartigimod	Vyvgart Hytrulo	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Egrifta (formerly Growth Hormones/ Egrifta)	Program retired 10/01/2025.	
Empaveli	Empaveli	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Endari (formerly Sickle Cell Disease)	Endari/L-glutamine	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Enspryng	Enspryng	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Erythropoietins (formerly Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agents (ESAs))	Aranesp, Epogen, Mircera, Procrit, Retacrit	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies.

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Fabhalta	Fabhalta	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Factor VIII and von Willebrand Factor (formerly Factor VIII and von Willebrand Factor and Hemophilia Factor IX)	Advate, Adynovate, Afstyla, Alphanate, Altuviiio, Eloctate, Esperoct, Hemofil M, Humate-P, Jivi, Koāte, Kogenate FS, Kovaltry, NovoEight, Nuwiq, Recombinate, Vonvendi, Wilate, Xyntha, Xyntha Solofuse	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Filspari	Filspari	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Filsuvez	Filsuvez	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies.
Galafold (formerly Fabry Disease)	Galafold	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Gattex (formerly Short Bowel Syndrome)	Gattex	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies.
Growth Hormone (formerly Growth Hormone/Egrifta)	Genotropin, Humatrope, Norditropin Flexpro, Ngenla, Nutropin AQ, Omnitrope, Saizen, Serostim, Skytrofa, Sogroya, Zomacton, Zorbtive	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies. Idiopathic Short Stature (ISS) is not included in the indications allowed in product labeling.
Hemlibra	Hemlibra	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Hemophilia Factor IX (formerly Factor VIII and von Willebrand Factor and Hemophilia Factor IX)	AlphaNine SD, Alprolix, BeneFIX, Idelvion, Ixinity, Profilnine SD, Rebinyn, Rixubis	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Hepatitis C Direct Acting Antivirals	Epclusa, Harvoni, Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir, Mavyret, Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir, Sovaldi, Vosevi, Zepatier	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling. Upon meeting criteria, use of the preferred agent by genotype is typically required before non-preferred products in the treatment of Hepatitis C.

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Hereditary Angioedema	Andembry, Berinert, Cinryze, Firazyr/ icatibant, Haegarda, Orladeyo, Ruconest, Takhzyro	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Hetlioz	Hetlioz, Hetlioz LQ	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Hympavzi	Hympavzi	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Imcivree	Imcivree	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Interleukin-1 Inhibitors (formerly Inherited Autoinflammatory Disorders)	Arcalyst	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Interleukin-4 Inhibitors (formerly Injectable Atopic Dermatitis Agents)	Dupixent	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Interleukin-5 Inhibitors	Fasenra, Nucala	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical studies and/or compendia and/or guidelines and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Interleukin-13 Antagonist	Adbry, Ebglyss	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Interleukin-31 Inhibitors	Nemluvio	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Interstitial Lung Disease (formerly Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF))	Esbriet, Ofev, pirfenidone	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.

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Iron Chelation (formerly Deferasirox)	Exjade/deferasirox, Ferriprox, Jadenu/ deferasirox	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Isturisa	Isturisa	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical studies and/or guidelines and according to dosing recommended in product labeling
Joenja	Joenja	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical studies and/or guidelines and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Jynarque (formerly Polycystic Kidney Disease)	Jynarque/tolvaptan	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical studies and/or guidelines and according to dosing recommended in product labeling
Korlym	Korlym/mifepristone	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical studies and/or guidelines and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Lupus	Benlysta, Lupkynis	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Multiple Sclerosis	Aubagio, Avonex, Bafiertam, Betaseron, Copaxone, Extavia, Gilenya 0.25 mg, Gilenya 0.50 mg, Kesimpta, Mavenclad, Mayzent, Plegridy, Ponvory, Rebif, Tascenso ODT, Tecfidera, Vumerity	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Myalept	Myalept	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Neurotrophic Keratitis	Oxervate	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical studies and/or guidelines and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Niemann-Pick Disease Type C Agents	Aqneursa, Miplyffa	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Ohtuvayre	Ohtuvayre	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical studies and/or guidelines and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.

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Otezla	Otezla	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Oxybate (formerly Sodium Oxybate)	Lumryz, Sodium Oxybate, Xyrem, Xywav	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Parathyroid Hormone Analog Osteoporosis (formerly Osteoporosis)	Bonsity, Forteo, Teriparatide, teriparatide, Tymlos	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Peg-interferon	Pegasys	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Phenylketonuria (formerly Enzyme Deficiency)	Javygtor, Kuvan/sapropterin, Palynziq	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies.
Primary Biliary Cholangitis (formerly Ocaliva)	Iqirvo, Livdelzi, Ocaliva	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Procysbi	Procysbi	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies.
Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (formerly Oral Pulmonary Hypertension Agents)	Adcirca/tadalafil, Adempas, Alyq, Letairis/ambrisentan, Liqrev, Opsumit, Opsynvi, Orenitram, Revatio, Sildenafil suspension, Tadliq, Tracleer/bosentan, Tyvaso, Uptravi, Ventavis, Winrevair, Yutrepia	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Pyrukynd	Pyrukynd	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical studies and/or guidelines and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Qfitlia	Qfitlia	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical studies and/or guidelines and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Radicava	Radicava ORS	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.

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Recorlev	Recorlev	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical studies and/or guidelines and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Resmetirom	Rezdiffra	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Rezurock	Rezurock	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Risdiplam	Evrysdi	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Rivfloza	Rivfloza	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Self-administered Oncology	Afinitor/everolimus, Afinitor Disperz, Akeega, Alecensa, Alunbrig, Augtyro, Avmapki Fakzynja Co-Pack, Ayvakit, Balversa, Besremi, Bosulif, Braftovi, Brukinsa, Cabometyx, Calquence, Caprelsa, Cometriq, Copiktra, Cotellic, Danziten, Daurismo, Ensacove, Erivedge, Erleada, Farydak, Fotivda, Fruzaqla, Gavreto, Gilotrif, Gleevec/imatinib, Gomekli, Hycamtin, Ibrance, Ibtrozi, Iclusig, Idhifa, Imbruvica, Imkeldi, Inlyta, Inqovi, Inrebic, Iressa, Itovebi, Iwilfin, Jakafi, Jaypirca, Krazati, Kisqali, Kisqali Femara Pack, Koselugo, Lazcluze, Lenvima, Lonsurf, Lorbrena, Lumakras, Lynparza, Lysodren, Lytgobi, Matulane, Mekinist, Mektovi, Nerlynx, Nexavar, Nilotinib d-tartrate, Ninlaro, Nubeqa, Odomzo, Ogsiveo, Ojjaara, Onureg, Orgovyx, Orserdu, Pemazyre, Piqray, Pomalyst, Qinlock, Retevmo, Revlimid/ lenalidomide, Revuforj, Rezlidhia, Romvimza, Rozlytrek, Rubraca, Rydapt, Scemblix, Sprycel, Stivarga, Sutent/ sunitinib, Tabrecta, Tafinlar, Tagrisso, Talzenna, Tarceva/erlotinib, Targretin/ bexarotene, Tasigna/nilotinib, Tazverik, Temodar/temozolomide, Tepmetko, Thalomid, Tibsovo, Tretinoin, Truqap, Tukysa, Turalio, Tykerb/lapatinib, Vanflyta, Venclexta, Verzenio, Vitrakvi, Vizimpro, Vonjo, Voranigo, Votrient/ paznopanib, Welirug, Xalkori, Xeloda, Xospata, Xpovio, Xtandi, Yonsa, Zejula, Zelboraf, Zolinza, Zydelig, Zykadia, Zytiga/ abiraterone	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.

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Skyclarys	Skyclarys	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Somatostatin (formerly Somatostatin Analogs)	Mycapssa, Somavert	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Sohonos	Sohonos	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Spevigo	Spevigo	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Strensiq	Strensiq	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies.
Substrate Reduction Therapy (formerly Cerdelga)	Cerdelga, Opfolda, Zavesca/miglustat	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Sucraid	Sucraid	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Tavneos	Tavneos	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Tezspire	Tezspire	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Thrombopoietin Receptor Agonists and Tavalisse (formerly Thrombopoietin Receptor Agonists)	Alvaiz, Doptelet, Mulpleta, Nplate, Promacta/eltrombopag, Tavalisse	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Tryngolza	Tryngolza	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.

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Tryvio	Tryvio	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Urea Cycle Disorders	Buphenyl/sodium phenylbutyrate, Olpruva, Pheburane, Ravicti	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies.
Vanrafia	Vanrafia	Helps appropriately select patients for treatment according to product labeling and/or clinical studies and/or guidelines and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Vijoice	Vijoice	Helps appropriately select patients for treatment according to product labeling and/or clinical studies and/or guidelines and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
VMAT2 Inhibitors (formerly Huntington's Disease/Tardrive Dyskinesia)	Austedo, Austedo XR, Ingrezza, Xenazine/tetrabenazine	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Vowst	Vowst	Helps appropriately select patients for treatment according to product labeling and/or clinical studies and/or guidelines and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Voxzogo	Voxzogo	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Voydeya	Voydeya	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Vykat XR	Vykat XR	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Wakix	Wakix	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Xolair	Xolair	Helps appropriately select patients for treatment according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or clinical studies and/or guidelines and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.

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Xolremdi	Xolremdi	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Yorvipath	Yorvipath	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Zeposia	Zeposia	Helps appropriately select patients for treatment according to product labeling and/or compendia and/or clinical studies and/or guidelines and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Zilbrysq	Zilbrysq	Helps appropriately select patients for therapy according to product labeling and/or clinical guidelines and/or clinical studies and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Zokinvy	Zokinvy	Helps appropriately select patients for treatment according to product labeling and/or clinical studies and/or guidelines and according to dosing recommended in product labeling.

Step Therapy		
Drug Category	**Target Drugs**	**Program Intent**
Antidepressants	Auvelity, Bupropion ER 450 mg, Celexa, Citalopram, Cymbalta, desvenlafaxine ER tabs, Drizalma Sprinkle, Effexor, Effexor XR, Fetzima, fluoxetine 60 mg tabs, Fluoxetine delayed release, Forfivo XL, Lexapro, Paxil, Paxil CR, Pexeva, Pristiq, Prozac, Remeron, Remeron SolTab, Sertraline, Trintellix, Venlafaxine ER, Viibryd, Wellbutrin SR, Zoloft	Encourages the use of preferred generic antidepressants for patients with new prescriptions for brand agents unless not clinically appropriate, according to dosing recommended in product labeling. When prescribed for neuropathic pain or fibromyalgia or musculoskeletal pain, encourages use of first-line generic agents before Cymbalta unless not clinically appropriate, according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Atopic Dermatitis	Elidel/pimecrolimus, Eucrisa, tacrolimus	Encourages the use of topical corticosteroid or topical corticosteroid combination preparations prior to, or concurrent with, Elidel, Eucrisa, or Protopic/tacrolimus unless not clinically appropriate
Atypical Antipsychotics	Abilify, Clozapine ODT, Clozaril, Cobenfy, Fanapt, Geodon, Invega, Latuda, Lybalvi, Opipza, Risperdal, Risperidone ODT, Saphris, Secuado, Seroquel, Seroquel XR, Versacloz, Zyprexa, Zyprexa Zydis	Encourages the use of cost-effective generic atypical antipsychotic agents over brand atypical antipsychotic agents unless not clinically appropriate, according to dosing recommended in product labeling.

Step Therapy		
Drug Category	**Target Drugs**	**Program Intent**
DPP-4 Inhibitors and Combinations	Alogliptin, Alogliptin/metformin, Alogliptin/pioglitazone, Jentadueto, Jentadueto XR, Kazano, Kombiglyze XR, Nesina, Onglyza, Oseni, Sitagliptan, Sitagliptan/metformin ER, Tradjenta, Zituvio, Zituvimet, Zituvimet XR	Encourages the use of preferred agent before the nonpreferred products unless not clinically appropriate, according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Gabapentin ER	Gralise/gabapentin, Horizant	Encourages use of cost-effective generic immediate release gabapentin agent prior to use of ER product unless not clinically appropriate, according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Glucose Test Strips	All non-preferred brand test strips and disks	Encourages the use of preferred glucose test strip products before the nonpreferred products, unless not clinically appropriate, according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Insomnia	Ambien, Ambien CR, Belsomra, Dayvigo, Edluar, Lunesta, Quviviq, Rozerem, Silenor, Zolpidem	Encourages the use of cost-effective generic insomnia agents over brand agents. Also, accommodates use of brand nonbenzodiazepine hypnotics (i.e., Ambien, Ambien CR, Belsomra, Dayvigo, Edluar, Lunesta, Quviviq, and Zolpimist); Rozerem; and Silenor when generic agents cannot be used unless not clinically appropriate, according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Kerendia	Kerendia	Encourages the use of an antidiabetic or ACE/ARB, before Kerendia, unless not clinically appropriate, per clinical guidelines.
Opthalmic Prostaglandins (formerly Glaucoma)	Iyuzeh, Lumigan, Travatan Z, Vyzulta, Xalatan, Xelpros, Zioptan	Encourage the use of a cost-effective generic ophthalmic prostaglandin unless not clinically appropriate, according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Oral Inhalers	Advair Diskus, Alvesco, Flovent Diskus[1], Flovent HFA[1], Fluticasone propionate aerosol inhalation	Encourage the use of formulary agent prior to the use of non-formulary agents, unless not clinically appropriate, according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Phosphate Binder	Auryxia, Fosrenol/lanthanum carbonate, Renagel, Renvela, hydrochloride, Velphoro	Encourage the appropriate use of cost-effective generic phosphate binder agents over brand agents unless not clinically appropriate.
SGLT Inhibitors (formerly Sodium-glucose Co-transporter (SGLT) Inhibitors and Combinations)	Brenzavvy/Bexagliflozin, Inpefa, Invokana, Invokamet, Invokamet XR, Qtern, Segluromet, Steglatro, Steglujan	Encourage the use of formulary agent prior to the use of non-formulary agent, unless not clinically appropriate, according to dosing recommended in product labeling.
Topical NSAIDs (formerly Topical Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug)	Flector, Licart, Pennsaid/diclofenac 2% solution	Encourage the use of cost-effective OTC or generic prescription oral non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) products, unless not clinically appropriate, according to dosing recommended in product labeling.

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Colony Stimulating Factors	Fylnetra, Granix, Neulasta, Neupogen, Releuko, Rolvedon, Ryzneuta, Stimufend, Udenyca, Ziextenzo	Encourage the use of formulary agent prior to the use of non-formulary agents, unless not clinically appropriate
Infertility[2]	Chorionic Gonadotropin, Gonal F, Gonal F RFF, Novarel	Encourages the use of formulary agent prior to the use of the non-formulary agents unless not clinically appropriate, according to dosing recommended in product labeling.

These programs are included in the standard utilization management package and apply for some standard pharmacy benefit plans. Not all drug categories are included in all plans, based on the member's drug list, and some plans have additional categories not listed. Refer to the member's benefit materials or call the phone number on the member's Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois ID card to determine whether a particular category is part of the member's benefit.

This list is subject to change without notice. Call 800-285-9426 to confirm the status of a particular drug.

[1] Manufacturer discontinued product in early 2024.

[2] The infertility step therapy program does not apply for standard HMO plans.

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