



## Actinic Keratosis Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

- Diclofenac 3% topical gel
- Carac (fluorouracil) 0.5% topical cream
- Fluorouracil 0.5% topical cream
- Tolak (fluorouracil) 4% topical cream
- Fluoroplex (fluorouracil) 1% topical cream
- Klisyri (tirbanibulin) topical ointment
- Zyclara (imiquimod) topical cream pack
- Imiquimod 3.75% topical cream
- Zyclara (imiquimod) topical cream metered dose pump
- Imiquimod 3.75% topical cream pump

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Imiquimod 5% topical cream pack
- Fluorouracil 5% topical cream

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Prescription claim for ONE Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #2
2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to ONE Step 1 Drug is required
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, clinical review required

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## Amrix® (cyclobenzaprine HCl) Step Therapy Guidelines

Affected Medication(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Amrix (cyclobenzaprine HCl) ER oral capsule</li><li>Cyclobenzaprine ER oral capsule</li></ul>
Step Therapy Requirements
<b>Step 1 Drug(s):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cyclobenzaprine HCl oral tablet</li></ul>
Step Therapy Criteria
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Prescription claim for ONE Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>If yes, approve for 12 months</li><li>If no, continue to #2</li></ol></li><li>If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to ONE Step 1 Drug is required<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>If yes, approve for 12 months</li><li>If no, clinical review required</li></ol></li></ol>

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## Anticoagulant Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>dabigatran oral capsule</li><li>Pradaxa (dabigatran etexilate mesylate) oral capsule</li><li>Savaysa (edoxaban tosylate) oral tablet</li></ul>
Step Therapy Requirements
<b>Step 1 Drug(s):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Eliquis (apixaban) oral tablet</li><li>rivaroxaban oral tablet</li><li>Xarelto (rivaroxaban) oral tablet</li></ul>
Step Therapy Criteria
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Prescription claim for TWO Step 1 Drugs within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>If yes, approve for 12 months</li><li>If no, continue to #2</li></ol></li><li>If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to TWO Step 1 Drugs is required<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>If yes, approve for 12 months</li><li>If no, clinical review required</li></ol></li></ol>

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## Antidepressant Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

- Bupropion XL 450 mg oral tablet
- Desvenlafaxine ER oral tablet
- Desvenlafaxine fumarate ER oral tablet
- Fetzima (levomilnacipran HCl) SA oral capsule
- Forfivo XL (bupropion HCl) ER oral tablet
- Fluvoxamine ER oral capsule
- Imipramine pamoate oral capsule
- Marplan (isocarboxazid) oral tablet
- Trimipramine maleate oral capsule
- Trintellix (vortioxetine hydrobromide) oral tablet

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Citalopram hydrobromide oral tablet
- Desvenlafaxine succinate ER oral tablet
- Escitalopram oxalate oral tablet
- Fluoxetine HCl oral tablet
- Fluoxetine HCl oral capsule
- Fluvoxamine maleate oral tablet
- Paroxetine HCl oral tablet
- Sertraline HCl oral tablet
- Venlafaxine HCl oral tablet
- Duloxetine HCl oral capsule

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Prescription claim for TWO Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #2
2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to TWO Step 1 Drug is required
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## Antiglaucoma Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

- Alphagan P (brimonidine tartrate) 0.1% drops
- Alphagan P (brimonidine tartrate) 0.15% eye drops
- Apraclonidine 0.5% eye drops
- Azopt (brinzolamide) ophthalmic drops
- Betimol (timolol) eye drops
- Betoptic S (betaxolol hydrochloride) 0.25% eye drops
- Bimatoprost eye drops
- Brimonidine tartrate 0.1% drops
- Brimonidine tartrate 0.15% drops
- Brinzolamide ophthalmic drops
- Iopidine 1% (apraclonidine) eye drops
- Istalol 0.5% (timolol 0.5%) eye drops
- Lumigan (bimatoprost) ophthalmic drops
- Rhopressa (netarsudil mesylate) ophthalmic drops
- Simbrinza (brinzolamide/ brimonidine tartrate) eye drop
- Timolol 0.5% eye drops (Istalol generic)
- Timolol maleate 0.25% and 0.5% eye drops (Timoptic Ocudose generic)
- Timoptic (rimolol maleate) 0.25 and 0.5% Ocudose drops
- Vyzulta (latanoprostene bunod) ophthalmic drops

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Brimonidine 0.2% drops
- Carteolol drops
- Dorzolamide drops
- Latanoprost drops
- Levobunolol drops
- Timolol maleate drops (Timoptic generic)

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Prescription claim for TWO Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #2
2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to TWO Step 1 Drugs is required
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, clinical review required

#### **Note:**

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## Antihypertensive Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

- Aliskiren hemifumarate
- Amlodipine besylate-valsartan-hydrochlorothiazide oral tablet
- Atacand (candesartan cilexetil) oral tablet
- Atacand HCT (candesartan cilexetil-hydrochlorothiazide) oral tablet
- Candesartan cilexetil oral tablet
- Candesartan cilexetil-hydrochlorothiazide oral tablet
- Captopril-hydrochlorothiazide oral tablet
- Edarbi (azilsartan medoxomil) oral tablet
- Edarbyclor (azilsartan medoxomil-chlorthalidone) oral tablet
- Exforge HCT (amlodipine besylate-valsartan-hydrochlorothiazide) oral tablet
- Kaspargo (metoprolol) oral sprinkle
- Micardis HCT (telmisartan-hydrochlorothiazide) oral tablet
- Olmesartan-amlodipine-hydrochlorothiazide oral tablet
- Prestalia (perindopril arginine-amlodipine besylate) oral tablet
- Tekturna (aliskiren hemifumarate) oral tablet
- Telmisartan-amlodipine besylate oral tablet
- Telmisartan-hydrochlorothiazide oral tablet
- Trandolapril-verapamil oral tablet
- Tribenzor (olmesartan medoxomil-amlodipine besylate-hydrochlorothiazide) oral tablet

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Bisoprolol-hydrochlorothiazide oral tablet
- Irbesartan oral tablet
- Irbesartan-hydrochlorothiazide oral tablet
- Losartan potassium oral tablet
- Losartan-hydrochlorothiazide oral tablet
- Olmesartan-hydrochlorothiazide
- Valsartan oral tablet
- Valsartan-hydrochlorothiazide oral tablet

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Prescription claim for TWO Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #2
2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to TWO Step 1 Drug is required
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, clinical review required



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## Antiparkinson Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

- Neupro transdermal patch
- Ongentys oral capsule
- Xadago oral tablet

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Entacapone
- Pramipexole
- Ropinirole
- Selegiline capsule or tablet

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Prescription claim for TWO Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #2
2. If no claim history of TWO Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to TWO Step 1 Drug(s) is required
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, clinical review required

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## Aptiom® (eslicarbazepine), Xcopri® (cenobamate) Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

- Aptiom (eslicarbazepine) oral tablet
- Eslicarbazepine oral tablet
- Xcopri (cenobamate) oral tablet

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Carbamazepine oral tablet
- Gabapentin oral capsule
- Gabapentin oral tablet
- Lacosamide oral tablet
- Oxcarbazepine oral tablet
- Phenobarbital oral tablet
- Phenytoin oral capsule
- Pregabalin oral capsule
- Primidone oral tablet

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Prescription claim for TWO Step 1 Drugs within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #2
2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drugs, documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to TWO Step 1 Drugs are required
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, clinical review required

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## Armour Thyroid Step Therapy Guidelines

Affected Medication(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Armour Thyroid oral tablet</li></ul>
Step Therapy Requirements
<b>Step 1 Drug(s):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Levothyroxine tablet</li><li>• Liothyronine tablet</li></ul>
Step Therapy Criteria
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Prescription claim for TWO Step 1 Drug within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. If yes, approve for 12 months</li><li>b. If no, continue to #2</li></ol></li><li>2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug, documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to TWO Step 1 Drug is required<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. If yes, approve for 12 months</li><li>b. If no, clinical review required</li></ol></li></ol>

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## Atypical Antipsychotic Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

#### Step 2 Drug(s)

- Invega (paliperidone) ER oral tablet
- Lybalvi (olanzapine-samidorphan) oral tablet
- Paliperidone ER oral tablet
- Rexulti (brexpiprazole) oral tablet
- Saphris (asenapine maleate) sublingual tablet
- Asenapine sublingual tablet
- Vraylar (cariprazine) oral capsule

#### Step 3 Drug(s)

- Caplyta (lumateperone) oral capsule
- Fanapt (iloperidone) oral tablet
- Secuado (asenapine) transdermal

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s)

- Olanzapine oral tablet
- Risperidone oral tablet

#### Step 2 Drug(s)

- Invega (paliperidone) ER oral tablet
- Lybalvi (olanzapine-samidorphan) oral tablet
- Paliperidone ER oral tablet
- Rexulti (brexpiprazole) oral tablet
- Saphris (asenapine maleate) sublingual tablet
- Asenapine sublingual tablet
- Vraylar (cariprazine) oral capsule

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Prescription claim for ONE Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes for Step 2 drug, approve for 12 months
  - b. If yes for Step 3 drug, continue to #3
  - c. If no for Step 2 or Step 3 drug, continue to #2
2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to ONE Step 1 Drug is required
  - a. If yes for Step 2 drug, approve for 12 months
  - b. If yes for Step 3 drug, continue to #3
  - c. If no for Step 2 or Step 3 drug, clinical review required



3. Prescription claim for ONE Step 2 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claim history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #4
  
4. If no claim history of Step 2 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to ONE Step 2 Drugs required.
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, clinical review required

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## Bisphosphonate Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

- Actonel (risedronate sodium) oral tablet
- Atelvia (risedronate sodium) DR oral tablet
- Binosto (alendronate sodium) effervescent tablet
- Fosamax Plus D (alendronate sodium-cholecalciferol) oral tablet
- Risedronate sodium DR oral tablet
- Risedronate sodium oral tablet

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Alendronate sodium oral tablet

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Prescription claim for ONE Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #2
2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to ONE Step 1 Drug is required
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, clinical review required

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## Constipation Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

#### Step 2 Drug(s)

- Linzess (linaclotide) oral capsule
- Motegrity (prucalopride) oral tablet
- Prucalopride oral tablet
- Movantik (naloxegol) oral tablet
- Symproic (naldemedine) oral tablet

#### Step 3 Drug(s)

- Amitiza (lubiprostone) oral capsule
- Lubiprostone oral capsule
- Trulance (plecanatide) oral tablet

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Polyethylene glycol 3350 powder
- Lactulose solution

#### Step 2 Drug(s)

- Linzess (linaclotide) oral capsule
- Motegrity (prucalopride) oral tablet
- Prucalopride oral tablet
- Movantik (naloxegol) oral tablet
- Symproic (naldemedine) oral tablet

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Prescription claim for ONE Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes for Step 2 drug, approve for 12 months
  - b. If yes for Step 3 drug, continue to #3
  - c. If no for Step 2 or Step 3 drug, continue to #2
2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to ONE Step 1 Drug is required
  - a. If yes for Step 2 drug, approve for 12 months
  - b. If yes for Step 3 drug, continue to #3
  - c. If no for Step 2 or Step 3 drug, clinical review required
3. Prescription claim for ONE Step 2 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claim history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months



b. If no, continue to #4

4. If no claim history of Step 2 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to ONE Step 2 Drugs required.

a. If yes, approve for 12 months

b. If no, clinical review required

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## Coreg CR® (carvedilol phosphate) Step Therapy Guidelines

Affected Medication(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carvedilol ER (carvedilol phosphate) oral capsule</li><li>• Coreg CR (carvedilol phosphate) oral capsule</li></ul>
Step Therapy Requirements
<b>Step 1 Drug(s):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bisoprolol oral tablet</li><li>• Carvedilol oral tablet</li><li>• Metoprolol succinate ER oral tablet</li><li>• Nebivolol oral tablet</li></ul>
Step Therapy Criteria
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Prescription claim for TWO Step 1 Drugs within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. If yes, approve for 12 months</li><li>b. If no, continue to #2</li></ol></li><li>2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drugs, documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to TWO Step 1 Drugs is required<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. If yes, approve for 12 months</li><li>b. If no, clinical review required</li></ol></li></ol>

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## Dipeptidyl Peptidase-4 Enzyme Inhibitor Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

#### Step 2 Drug(s):

- Januvia (sitagliptin phosphate) oral tablet
- Janumet (sitagliptin phosphate-metformin HCl) oral tablet
- Janumet XR (sitagliptin phosphate-metformin HCl) oral tablet
- Jentadueto (linagliptin-metformin HCl) oral tablet
- Jentadueto XR (linagliptin-metformin HCl) oral tablet
- Linagliptin-metformin HCl oral tablet
- Tradjenta (linagliptin) oral tablet

#### Step 3 Drug(s)

- Alogliptin benzoate oral tablet
- Alogliptin benzoate-pioglitazone HCl oral tablet
- Kazano (alogliptin benzoate-metformin HCl) oral tablet
- Alogliptin benzoate-metformin HCl oral tablet
- Kombiglyze XR (saxagliptin HCl-metformin HCl) oral tablet
- Onglyza (saxagliptin HCl) oral tablet
- Oseni (alogliptin benzoate-pioglitazone HCl) oral tablet
- Nesina (alogliptin) oral tablet
- Saxagliptin-metformin HCl ER oral tablet
- Sitagliptin oral tablet
- Sitagliptin-metformin oral tablet
- Zituvimet (sitagliptin-metformin) oral tablet
- Zituvimet XR (sitagliptin-metformin) oral tablet
- Zituvio (sitagliptin) oral tablet

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Metformin HCl oral tablet
- Metformin HCl ER oral tablet

#### Step 2 Drug(s):

- Januvia (sitagliptin phosphate) oral tablet
- Janumet (sitagliptin phosphate-metformin HCl) oral tablet
- Janumet XR (sitagliptin phosphate-metformin HCl) oral tablet
- Jentadueto (linagliptin-metformin HCl) oral tablet
- Jentadueto XR (linagliptin-metformin HCl) oral tablet
- Linagliptin-metformin HCl oral tablet
- Tradjenta (linagliptin) oral tablet

### Step Therapy Criteria



1. Is the request for a Step 2 medication?
  - a. If yes continue to #2
  - b. If no, continue to #4
2. Does the member have prescription claim for ONE Step 1 Drug within the past 180 days? (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve Step 2 Drug for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #3
3. Does the member have documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to ONE Step 1 Drug?
  - a. If yes, approve Step 2 Drug for 12 months.
  - b. If no, clinical review required
4. Does the member have prescription claim for ONE Step 1 Drug within the past 180 days? (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, continue to #6
  - b. If no, continue to #5
5. Does the member have documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to ONE Step 1 Drug?
  - a. If yes, continue to #6
  - b. If no, clinical review required
6. Does the member have prescription claim(s) for TWO Step 2 Drugs containing different DPP4 inhibitors within the past 180 days? (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve Step 3 drug for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #7
7. Does the member have documentation of trial, intolerance, or contraindication to TWO Step 2 Drugs contain different DPP4 inhibitors?
  - a. If yes, approve Step 3 drug for 12 months
  - b. If no, clinical review is required

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## Dry Eye Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

Affected Medication(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tyrvaya (varenicline) Nasal Spray</li><li>• Xiidra (lifitegrast) Ophthalmic Solution</li></ul>
Step Therapy Requirements
<b>Step 1 Drug(s):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Artificial tears</li><li>• Cyclosporine Ophthalmic Solution</li></ul>
Step Therapy Criteria
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Prescription claim for TWO Step 1 Drug within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. If yes, approve for 12 months</li><li>b. If no, continue to #2</li></ol></li><li>2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug, documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to TWO Step 1 Drug is required<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. If yes, approve for 12 months</li><li>b. If no, clinical review required</li></ol></li></ol>

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## fidaxomicin Step Therapy Guidelines

Affected Medication(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Difucid (fidaxomicin) oral tablet</li><li>• Difucid (fidaxomicin) oral suspension</li><li>• fidaxomicin oral tablet</li></ul>
Step Therapy Requirements
<b>Step 1 Drug(s):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vancomycin HCl</li></ul>
Step Therapy Criteria
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Prescription claim for ONE Step 1 Drug within the past 180 days<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. If yes, approve for 12 months</li><li>b. If no, continue to #2</li></ol></li><li>2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug, documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to ONE Step 1 Drugs is required<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. If yes, approve for 12 months</li><li>b. If no, clinical review required</li></ol></li></ol>

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## Inhaled Corticosteroid- Long Acting Beta Agonist Combination Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

Affected Medication(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advair HFA (fluticasone propionate-salmeterol xinafoate) inhalation aerosol</li><li>• Dulera (mometasone furoate-formoterol fumarate) inhalation aerosol</li><li>• Fluticasone propionate-salmeterol xinafoate inhalation aerosol</li></ul>
Step Therapy Requirements
<b>Step 1 Drug(s):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AirDuo RespiClick (fluticasone propionate-salmeterol) inhalation powder</li><li>• Fluticasone propionate-salmeterol inhalation powder</li><li>• Breo Ellipta (fluticasone furoate-vilanterol) inhalation powder</li><li>• Fluticasone furoate-vilanterol inhalation powder</li><li>• Symbicort (budesonide-formoterol fumarate) inhaler</li><li>• Breynd (budesonide-formoterol fumarate) inhaler</li><li>• Budesonide-formoterol fumarate inhaler</li></ul>
Step Therapy Criteria
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Prescription claim for TWO Step 1 Drugs within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. If yes, approve for 12 months</li><li>b. If no, continue to #2</li></ol></li><li>2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drugs, documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to TWO Step 1 Drugs is required<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. If yes, approve for 12 months</li><li>b. If no, clinical review required</li></ol></li></ol>

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## Inhaled Corticosteroid Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

- Asmanex HFA
- Asmanex Twisthaler
- Alvesco Inhaler
- Pulmicort Flexhaler
- Qvar Redihaler

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Arnuity Ellipta
- Fluticasone propionate HFA
- Fluticasone propionate diskus

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Prescription claim for ONE Step 1 Drugs within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #2
2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drugs, documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to TWO Step 1 Drugs is required
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, clinical review required

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## Insomnia Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

- Dayvigo (lemborexant) oral tablet
- Doxepin oral tablet
- Edluar (zolpidem tartrate) sublingual tablet
- Silenor (doxepin HCl) oral tablet
- Zolpidem tartrate sublingual tablet
- Zolpidem tartrate oral capsule

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Estazolam oral tablet
- Eszopiclone oral tablet
- Ramelteon oral tablet
- Temazepam oral capsule
- Zaleplon oral capsule
- Zolpidem tartrate oral tablet

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Prescription claim for TWO Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #2
2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to TWO Step 1 Drug is required
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, clinical review required

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## Long-Acting Beta Agonist & Long Acting Antimuscarinic Combination Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

Affected Medication(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bevespi Aerosphere</li><li>• Duaklir Pressair</li></ul>
Step Therapy Requirements
<b>Step 1 Drug(s):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anoro Ellipta</li><li>• Stiolto Respimat</li><li>• Umeclidinium-Vilanterol Inhalation Powder</li></ul>
Step Therapy Criteria
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Prescription claim for ONE Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. If yes, approve for 12 months</li><li>b. If no, continue to #2</li></ol></li><li>2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to ONE Step 1 Drug is required<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. If yes, approve for 12 months</li><li>b. If no, clinical review required</li></ol></li></ol>

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## Long-Acting Beta Agonist Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

- arformoterol tartrate inhalation solution
- Perforomist (fomoterol fumerate) inhalation solution
- formoterol fumarate inhalation solution

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Serevent Diskus (salmeterol xinafoate) inhalation powder
- Striverdi Respimat (olodaterol) inhaler spray

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Prescription claim for ONE Step 1 Drug within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #2
2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug, documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to ONE Step 1 Drug is required
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
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## Long-Acting Antimuscarinic Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

Affected Medication(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tudorza Pressair (aclidinium bromide) inhalation powder</li><li>Yupelri (revefenacin) solution</li></ul>
Step Therapy Requirements
<b>Step 1 Drug(s):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Incruse Ellipta (umeclidinium bromide) inhalation powder</li><li>Spiriva (tiotropium bromide) Handihaler/Respimat</li><li>tiotropium bromide inhalation powder capsules</li></ul>
Step Therapy Criteria
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Prescription claim for TWO Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>If yes, approve for 12 months</li><li>If no, continue to #2</li></ol></li><li>If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to TWO Step 1 Drug is required<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>If yes, approve for 12 months</li><li>If no, clinical review required</li></ol></li></ol>

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## Long-Acting Insulin Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

- Basaglar Kwikpen U-100 (insulin glargine) subcutaneous insulin pen
- Basaglar Tempo U-100 (insulin glargine) subcutaneous insulin pen
- Semglee YFGN (insulin glargine-yfgn) subcutaneous vial
- Semglee YFGN (insulin glargine-yfgn) subcutaneous pen
- Toujeo Max Solostar (insulin glargine) subcutaneous insulin pen
- Toujeo Solostar (insulin glargine) subcutaneous insulin pen
- Insulin glargine 100 unit/mL subcutaneous vial

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Insulin glargine-yfgn subcutaneous vial
- Insulin glargine-yfgn subcutaneous pen
- Insulin glargine U-300 Max Solostar subcutaneous insulin pen
- Insulin glargine U-300 Solostar subcutaneous insulin pen
- Rezvoglar (insulin glargine-aglr) subcutaneous kwikpen
- Lantus subcutaneous vial
- Lantus Solostar subcutaneous pen

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Prescription claim for ONE Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #2
2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to ONE Step 1 Drug is required
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, clinical review required

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## Long-Acting Opioid Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

### riAffected Medication(s)

- Hydromorphone ER oral tablet
- Nucynta ER
- Oxymorphone ER oral tablet
- Oxycontin (oxycodone HCl) oral tablet
- Xtampza ER (oxycodone myristate) oral capsule

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Fentanyl transdermal patch
- Morphine sulfate ER oral tablet
- Morphine sulfate ER oral capsule

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Prescription claim for ONE Step 1 Drug within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #2
2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to ONE Step 1 Drug is required
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, clinical review required

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## Nasal Steroid Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

- Dymista (azelastine HCl-fluticasone propionate) nasal spray
- Azelastine-fluticasone nasal spray
- Ryaltris (olopatadine-mometasone) spray

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Flunisolide nasal spray
- Fluticasone propionate nasal spray
- Olopatadine nasal spray

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Prescription claim for ONE Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #2
2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to ONE Step 1 Drugs is required
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, clinical review required

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## Nexletol Step Therapy Guidelines

Affected Medication(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Nexletol (bempedoic acid) tablet</li></ul>
Step Therapy Requirements
<b>Step 1 Drug(s):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Atorvastatin calcium oral tablet</li><li>Ezetimibe oral tablet</li><li>Lovastatin oral tablet</li><li>Pravastatin sodium oral tablet</li><li>Rosuvastatin calcium oral tablet</li><li>Simvastatin oral tablet</li></ul>
Step Therapy Criteria
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Prescription claim for TWO Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>If yes, approve for 12 months</li><li>If no, continue to #2</li></ol></li><li>If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to TWO Step 1 Drugs is required<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>If yes, approve for 12 months</li><li>If no, clinical review required</li></ol></li></ol>

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## NSAID Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

- Daypro oral tablet
- Ketoprofen oral capsule
- Ketoprofen ER oral capsule
- Kiprofen oral capsule
- Meclofenamate oral capsule
- Oxaprozin oral tablet
- Sprix (ketorolac tromethamine) nasal spray
- Ketorolac tromethamine nasal spray

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Diclofenac potassium oral tablet
- Diclofenac sodium DR oral tablet
- Diclofenac sodium ER oral tablet
- Ibuprofen oral tablet
- Indomethacin oral capsule
- Meloxicam oral tablet
- Nabumetone oral tablet
- Naproxen oral tablet
- Naproxen DR oral tablet
- Piroxicam oral capsule
- Sulindac oral tablet

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Prescription claim for TWO Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #2
2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to TWO Step 1 Drugs is required
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
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## Overactive Bladder Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

- Darifenacin ER oral tablet
- fesoterodine fumarate ER oral tablet
- Gemtesa (vibegron) oral tablet
- Mirabegron ER oral tablet
- Myrbetriq (mirabegron) ER suspension
- Myrbetriq (mirabegron) ER oral tablet
- Oxytrol (oxybutynin) transdermal patch
- Toviaz (fesoterodine fumarate) ER oral tablet
- Trospium ER oral capsule
- Vesicare LS (solifenacin succinate) oral suspension

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Oxybutynin chloride oral tablet
- Oxybutynin chloride ER oral tablet
- Tolterodine tartrate oral tablet
- Trospium chloride oral tablet
- Solifenacin succinate oral tablet

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Prescription claim for TWO Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #2
2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to TWO Step 1 Drugs is required
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
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## Pancreatic Enzymes Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

- Pancreaze (lipase/protease/amylase) capsule
- Pertzye (lipase/protease/amylase) capsule
- Viokace (lipase/protease/amylase) capsule

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Creon (lipase/protease/amylase) capsule
- Zenpep (lipase/protease/amylase) capsule

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Prescription claim for TWO Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #2
2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to TWO Step 1 Drug is required
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, clinical review required



## PCSK9 Inhibitor Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

Affected Medication(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Praluent subcutaneous solution</li><li>• Repatha subcutaneous solution</li></ul>
Step Therapy Requirements
<b>Step 1 Drug(s):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Atorvastatin calcium oral tablet</li><li>• Lovastatin oral tablet</li><li>• Pravastatin sodium oral tablet</li><li>• Rosuvastatin calcium oral tablet</li><li>• Simvastatin oral tablet</li></ul>
Step Therapy Criteria
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Prescription claim for ONE Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. If yes, approve for 12 months</li><li>b. If no, continue to #2</li></ol></li><li>2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to ONE Step 1 Drugs is required<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. If yes, approve for 12 months</li><li>b. If no, clinical review required</li></ol></li></ol>

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## Proton Pump Inhibitor Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

- Aciphex Sprinkle (rabeprazole sodium) DR oral capsule
- rabeprazole sprinkle DR oral capsule
- Dexilant (dexlansoprazole) DR oral capsule
- dexlansoprazole DR oral capsule
- Nexium (esomeprazole magnesium) DR oral suspension packet
- esomeprazole DR oral suspension packet
- esomeprazole magnesium suspension packet
- Prevacid (lansoprazole) DR Solutab
- lansoprazole ODT tablet
- Prilosec (omeprazole magnesium) DR oral suspension packet
- Protonix (pantoprazole sodium) DR oral granule packet
- pantoprazole DR oral granule packet

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):

- esomeprazole DR oral capsule
- lansoprazole DR oral capsule
- omeprazole DR oral capsule
- pantoprazole sodium DR oral tablet
- rabeprazole DR oral tablet

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Prescription claim for ONE Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #2
2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to ONE Step 1 Drug is required
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
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## Pregabalin CR Step Therapy Guidelines

Affected Medication(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lyrica CR (pregabalin) oral tablet</li><li>• Pregabalin CR tablet</li></ul>
Step Therapy Requirements
<b>Step 1 Drug(s):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Duloxetine HCl DR oral capsule</li><li>• Gabapentin oral capsule</li><li>• Gabapentin oral solution</li><li>• Gabapentin oral tablet</li></ul>
Step Therapy Criteria
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Prescription claim for TWO Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. If yes, approve for 12 months</li><li>b. If no, continue to #2</li></ol></li><li>2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to TWO Step 1 Drugs is required<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. If yes, approve for 12 months</li><li>b. If no, clinical review required</li></ol></li></ol>

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## Rosacea Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

- Epsolay (benzoyl peroxide) 5% cream pump
- Finacea (azelaic acid) 15% foam
- Metro lotion (metronidazole) 0.75% lotion
- Metronidazole 0.75% lotion
- Mirvaso (brimonidine tartrate) topical gel pump
- Brimonidine tartrate topical gel pump
- Rhofade (oxymetazoline HCl) topical cream
- Soolantra (ivermectin) 1% cream
- Ivermectin 1% cream
- Zilxi (minocycline) topical foam

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Metronidazole topical cream
- Metronidazole topical gel pump
- Metronidazole topical gel
- Azelaic acid gel

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Prescription claim for TWO Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #2
2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to TWO Step 1 Drug is required
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, clinical review required

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## Sodium-Glucose Cotransporter-2 Inhibitors Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

#### Step 2 Drugs:

- Bexagliflozin oral tablet
- Brenzavvy (bexagliflozin) oral tablet
- Dapagliflozin propanediol oral tablet
- Dapagliflozin propanediol-metformin HCl ER oral tablet
- Glyxambi (empagliflozin-linagliptin) oral tablet
- Inpefa (sotagliflozin) oral tablet
- Invokamet (canagliflozin-metformin HCl) oral tablet
- Invokamet XR (canagliflozin-metformin HCl) oral tablet
- Invokana (canagliflozin) oral tablet
- Qtern (dapagliflozin propanediol-saxagliptin HCl) oral tablet
- Segluromet (ertugliflozin pidolate-metformin HCl) oral tablet
- Steglatro (ertugliflozin pidolate) oral tablet
- Steglujan (ertugliflozin pidolate-sitagliptin phosphate) oral tablet

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drugs:

- Farxiga (dapagliflozin propanediol) oral tablet
- Jardiance (empagliflozin) oral tablet
- Synjardy (empagliflozin-metformin HCl) oral tablet
- Synjardy XR (empagliflozin-metformin HCl) oral tablet
- Xigduo XR (dapagliflozin propanediol-metformin HCl) oral tablet
- Trijardy XR (empagliflozin-linagliptin-metformin) oral tablet

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Does the member have prescription claim for TWO Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days? (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #2
2. Does the member have documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to TWO Step 1 Drug(s)?
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, clinical review required

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## Statin Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

- Ezallor Sprinkle (rosuvastatin) oral capsule
- Fluvastatin sodium ER oral tablet
- Fluvastatin sodium oral capsule
- Lescol (fluvastatin) oral capsule
- Lescol XL (fluvastatin) oral tablet
- Livalo (pitavastatin calcium) oral tablet
- Pitavastatin calcium oral tablet
- Zypitomag (pitavastatin magnesium) oral tablet

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Atorvastatin calcium oral tablet
- Lovastatin oral tablet
- Pravastatin sodium oral tablet
- Rosuvastatin calcium oral tablet
- Simvastatin oral tablet

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Prescription claim for TWO Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #2
2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to TWO Step 1 Drugs is required
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, clinical review required

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## Tetracycline Antibiotic Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

- Doryx (doxycycline hyclate) DR oral tablet
- Doryx MPC (doxycycline hyclate) DR oral tablet
- Doxycycline 50mg oral tablet
- Doxycycline hyclate DR oral tablet (Doryx generic 50mg, 75mg, 80mg, 100mg, 150mg, 200mg)
- Doxycycline hyclate DR oral tablet (Targadox generic 50mg)
- Doxycycline hyclate 75 mg & 150 mg oral tablet (Acticlate generic)
- Doxycycline IR-DR oral capsule
- Emrosi (minocycline) ER oral capsule
- Minocycline HCl ER oral capsule
- Minocycline ER oral tablets
- Oracea (doxycycline monohydrate) oral capsule
- Solodyn ER (minocycline ER) oral tablet
- Targadox (doxycycline) oral tablet
- Ximino (minocycline HCl) ER oral capsule

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Doxycycline monohydrate 50 mg, 75 mg, & 100 mg oral tablet
- Doxycycline monohydrate 50 mg & 100 mg oral capsule
- Minocycline HCl oral capsule
- Minocycline HCl oral tablet

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Prescription claim for ONE Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #2
2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to ONE Step 1 Drug is required
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, clinical review required

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## Topical Acne Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

- Clindagel 1% gel
- Clindamycin phosphate 1% gel (clindagel generic)
- Clindamycin phosphate-benzoyl peroxide 1.2-3.75% topical gel pump
- Azelex (azelaic acid) 20% topical cream
- Onexton (clindamycin phosphate-benzoyl peroxide) 1.2-3.75% topical gel pump
- Veltin (clindamycin phosphate-tretinoin) topical gel
- Clindamycin phosphate-tretinoin topical gel
- Winlevi (clascoterone) topical cream
- Ziana (clindamycin phosphate-tretinoin) topical gel

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drugs:

- Tretinoin topical cream
- Tretinoin topical gel
- Neuac (clindamycin phosphate-benzoyl peroxide) 1.2-5% topical gel
- Clindamycin phosphate-benzoyl peroxide 1.2-5% topical gel (Neuac generic)
- Clindamycin phosphate-benzoyl peroxide 1-5% topical gel
- Clindamycin phosphate-benzoyl peroxide 1-5% topical gel pump

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Prescription claim for TWO Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #2
2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to TWO Step 1 Drug is required
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, clinical review required

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## Topical Anti-Inflammatory Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

- Eucrisa (crisaborole) topical ointment
- Vectical (calcitriol) ointment
- Calcitriol ointment
- Zonalon (doxepin) 5% cream
- Prudoxin (doxepin) 5% cream
- Doxepin topical cream

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Betamethasone dipropionate topical cream / lotion / ointment
- Betamethasone dipropionate augmented topical cream / lotion / ointment
- Betamethasone valerate topical cream / lotion / ointment
- Calcipotriene cream
- Calcipotriene ointment
- Clobetasol propionate topical cream / ointment / solution / lotion
- Desoximetasone topical cream / gel / ointment
- Fluocinonide topical cream / gel / ointment / solution
- Fluocinonide-E (fluocinonide-emollient base) topical cream
- Halobetasol propionate topical cream / ointment
- Tacrolimus topical ointment

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Prescription claim for TWO Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #2
2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to TWO Step 1 Drugs is required
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, clinical review required

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## Topical Vitamin A Derivatives Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

- Akliel (trifarotene) topical cream
- Altreno (tretinoin) lotion
- Arazlo (tazarotene) topical lotion
- Fabior (tazarotene) topical foam
- Retin-A-Micro (tretinoin microspheres) topical gel
- Retin-A-Micro Pump (tretinoin microspheres) topical gel
- Tazarotene 0.05% topical cream
- Tazarotene topical foam
- Tazarotene topical gel
- Tazorac (tazarotene) 0.05% topical cream
- Tazorac (tazarotene) topical gel
- Tretinoin gel micro 0.08% pump
- Tretinoin microsphere topical gel
- Tretinoin microsphere topical gel pump
- Twyneo (tretinoin 0.1%-benzoyl peroxide 3%) topical cream

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Tazarotene 0.1% topical cream
- Tretinoin topical cream
- Tretinoin topical gel

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Prescription claim for TWO Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #2
2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to TWO Step 1 Drugs is required
  - a. If yes, approve for 12 months
  - b. If no, clinical review required

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## Tramadol Step Therapy Guidelines

Affected Medication(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ConZip (tramadol HCl) oral capsule</li><li>• Tramadol ER capsule</li></ul>
Step Therapy Requirements
<b>Step 1 Drug(s):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tramadol HCl oral tablet</li><li>• Tramadol HCl ER oral tablet</li></ul>
Step Therapy Criteria
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Prescription claim for TWO Step 1 Drugs within the past 180 days (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. If yes, approve for 12 months</li><li>b. If no, continue to #2</li></ol></li><li>2. If no claim history of Step 1 Drugs, documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to TWO Step 1 Drug is required<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. If yes, approve for 12 months</li><li>b. If no, clinical review required</li></ol></li></ol>

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## Triptan Agents Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

#### Step 2 Drug(s):

- Almotriptan malate oral tablet
- Eletriptan hydrobromide oral tablet
- Frova (frovatriptan succinate) oral tablet
- Frovatriptan succinate oral tablet
- Migranal (dihydroergotamine mesylate) nasal spray
- Dihydroergotamine mesylate nasal spray
- Relpax (eletriptan hydrobromide) oral tablet
- Sumatriptan nasal spray
- Zolmitriptan nasal spray
- Zolmitriptan oral disintegrating tablet

#### Step 3 Drug(s):

- Onzetra Xsail (sumatriptan succinate) nasal powder
- Tosymra (sumatriptan) nasal spray
- Zembrace SymTouch (sumatriptan succinate) subcutaneous pen injector

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Naratriptan HCl oral tablet
- Rizatriptan benzoate oral tablet
- Rizatriptan benzoate orally disintegrating tablet
- Sumatriptan succinate oral tablet

#### Step 2 Drug(s):

- Almotriptan malate oral tablet
- Eletriptan hydrobromide oral tablet
- Frova (frovatriptan succinate) oral tablet
- Frovatriptan succinate oral tablet
- Migranal (dihydroergotamine mesylate) nasal spray
- Dihydroergotamine mesylate nasal spray
- Relpax (eletriptan hydrobromide) oral tablet
- Sumatriptan nasal spray
- Zolmitriptan nasal spray
- Zolmitriptan oral disintegrating tablet

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Is the request for a step 2 medication?
  - a. If yes continue to #2
  - b. If no, continue to #4



2. Does the member have prescription claim for TWO Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days? (Note: 30 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve Step 2 Drug for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #3
3. Does the member have documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to TWO Step 1 Drug?
  - a. If yes, approve Step 2 Drug for 12 months.
  - b. If no, clinical review required
4. Does the member have prescription claim for TWO Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days? (Note: 90 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, continue to #6
  - b. If no, continue to #5
5. Does the member have documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to TWO Step 1 Drug?
  - a. If yes, continue to #6
  - b. If no, clinical review required
6. Does the member have prescription claim(s) for ONE Step 2 Drug(s) within the past 180 days? (Note: 30 days of claims history required for authorization)
  - a. If yes, approve step 3 drug for 12 months
  - b. If no, continue to #7
7. Does the member have documentation of trial, intolerance, or contraindication to ONE Step 2 Drug?
  - a. If yes, approve step 3 drug for 12 months
  - b. If no, clinical review is required

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