### Affected Medication(s)
- Diclofenac sodium topical gel
- Solaraze (diclofenac sodium) topical gel
- Zyclara (imiquimod) topical cream pack
- Zyclara (imiquimod) topical cream metered dose pump

### Step Therapy Requirements

**Step 1 Drug(s):**
- Imiquimod topical cream pack

### 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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Adzenys ER® (Amphetamine)  
Step Therapy Guidelines

**Affected Medication(s)**
- Adzenys ER oral suspension

**Step Therapy Requirements**

**Step 1 Drug(s):**
- Dextroamphetamine sulfate oral solution
- Methylphenidate HCl oral solution

**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
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Amrix® (cyclobenzaprine HCl)
Step Therapy Guidelines

Affected Medication(s)
- Amrix (cyclobenzaprine HCl) ER oral capsule
- Cyclobenzaprine ER oral capsule

Step Therapy Requirements

Step 1 Drug(s):
- Cyclobenzaprine 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
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Anticoagulant Agents
Step Therapy Guidelines

Affected Medication(s)

- Pradaxa (dabigatran etexilate mesylate) oral capsule
- Savaysa (edoxaban tosylate) oral tablet

Step Therapy Requirements

Step 1 Drug(s):

- Eliquis (apixaban) oral tablet
- Xarelto (rivaroxaban) 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
   
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Antidepressant Agents
Step Therapy Guidelines

Affected Medication(s)

- Desvenlafaxine ER oral tablet
- Desvenlafaxine fumarate ER oral tablet
- Fetzima (levomilnacipran HCl) SA oral capsule
- Forfivol XL (bupropion HCl) ER oral tablet
- Irenka (duloxetine HCl) DR oral capsule
- Khedezla (desvenlafaxine) ER oral tablet
- Marplan (isocarboxazid) oral tablet
- Pexeva (paroxetine mesylate) oral tablet
- Surmontil (trimipramine maleate) oral capsule
- Trimipramine maleate oral capsule
- Trintellix (vortioxetine hydrobromide) oral tablet
- Viibryd (vilazodone HCl) 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
- 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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# Antiemetic Agents
## Step Therapy Guidelines

## Affected Medication(s)
- Aprepitant oral capsule
- Emend (aprepitant) oral capsule
- Emend (aprepitant) oral suspension

## Step Therapy Requirements

### Step 1 Drug(s):
- Ondansetron HCl oral tablet
- Ondansetron ODT 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
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## Antiglaucoma Agents
### Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)
- Azopt (brinzolamide) ophthalmic drops
- Cosopt PF (dorzolamide HCl-timolol maleate) ophthalmic droperette
- Lumigan (bimatoprost) ophthalmic drops
- Rescula (unoprostone isopropyl) ophthalmic drops
- Rhopressa (netarsudil mesylate) ophthalmic drops
- Travatan Z (travoprost) ophthalmic drops
- Vyzulta (latanoprostene bunod) ophthalmic drops
- Zioptan (tafluprost) ophthalmic droperette

### Step Therapy Requirements

**Step 1 Drug(s):**
- Brimonidine drops
- Carteolol drops
- Dorzolamide drops
- Latanoprost drops
- Levobunolol drops
- Timolol maleate drops

### 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

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Affected Medication(s)

- Atacand (candesartan cilexetil) oral tablet
- Atacand HCT (candesartan cilexetil-hydrochlorothiazide) oral tablet
- Azor (amlodipine besylate-olmesartan medoxomil) oral tablet
- Benicar (olmesartan medoxomil) oral tablet
- Benicar HCT (olmesartan medoxomil-hydrochlorothiazide) oral tablet
- Edarbi (azilsartan medoxomil) oral tablet
- Edarbyclor (azilsartan medoxomil-chlorthalidone) oral tablet
- Exforge (amlodipine besylate-valsartan) oral tablet
- Micardis HCT (telmisartan-hydrochlorothiazide) oral tablet
- Olmesartan-amlodipine-hydrochlorothiazide oral tablet
- Prestalia (perindopril arginine-amlodipine besylate) oral tablet
- Tekturna (aliskiren hemifumarate) oral tablet
- Tekturna HCT (aliskiren hemifumarate-hydrochlorothiazide) oral tablet
- Telmisartan-amlodipine besylate oral tablet
- Telmisartan-hydrochlorothiazide oral tablet
- Tribenzor (olmesartan medoxomil-amlodipine besylate-hydrochlorothiazide) oral tablet
- Twynsta (telmisartan-amlodipine besylate) oral tablet

Step Therapy Requirements

Step 1 Drug(s):
- Candesartan cilexetil oral tablet
- Candesartan-hydrochlorothiazide oral tablet
- Irbesartan oral tablet
- Irbesartan-hydrochlorothiazide oral tablet
- Losartan potassium oral tablet
- Losartan-hydrochlorothiazide oral tablet
- Valsartan oral tablet
- Valsartan-hydrochlorothiazide oral tablet

Step Therapy Criteria

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Atypical Antipsychotic Agents
Step Therapy Guidelines

Affected Medication(s)

- Fanapt (iloperidone) oral tablet
- Invega (paliperidone) ER oral tablet
- Paliperidone ER oral tablet
- Rexulti (brexpiprazole) oral tablet
- Saphris (asenapine maleate) sublingual tablet

Step Therapy Requirements

Step 1 Drug(s):

- Olanzapine oral tablet
- Quetiapine fumarate oral tablet
- Risperidone 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
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### Affected Medication(s)
- Dutoprol (metoprolol succinate-hydrochlorothiazide) ER oral tablet

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):
- Bisoprolol fumarate-hydrochlorothiazide oral tablet
- Metoprolol tartrate-hydrochlorothiazide oral tablet
- Nadolol-bendroflumethiazide oral tablet
- Propranolol HCl-hydrochlorothiazide oral tablet
- Metoprolol succinate ER 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
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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)
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## Clindacin® (clindamycin phosphate)
### Step Therapy Guidelines

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### Step Therapy Requirements

**Step 1 Drug(s):**

- Clindamycin phosphate topical gel
- Clindamycin phosphate topical solution
- Clindamycin phosphate topical lotion

### Step Therapy Criteria

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## ConZip® (tramadol HCl)
### Step Therapy Guidelines

**Affected Medication(s)**
- ConZip (tramadol HCl) oral capsule

**Step Therapy Requirements**

**Step 1 Drug(s):**
- Tramadol HCl oral tablet

**Step Therapy Criteria**

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## Affected Medication(s)

- Carvedilol ER (carvedilol phosphate) oral capsule
- Coreg CR (carvedilol phosphate) oral capsule

## Step Therapy Requirements

### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Bisoprolol fumarate oral tablet
- Carvedilol oral tablet
- Metoprolol succinate ER 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
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## Dificid® (fidaxomicin)
### Step Therapy Guidelines

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**Affected Medication(s)**

- Jentadueto (linagliptin-metformin HCl) oral tablet
- Jentadueto XR (linagliptin-metformin HCl) oral tablet
- Tradjenta (linagliptin) oral tablet
- Alogliptin benzoate oral tablet
- Alogliptin benzoate-pioglitazone HCl oral tablet
- Janumet (sitagliptin phosphate-metformin HCl) oral tablet
- Janumet XR (sitagliptin phosphate-metformin HCl) oral tablet
- Januvia (sitagliptin phosphate) oral tablet
- Kazano (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

**Step Therapy Requirements**

**Step 1 Drug(s):**

- Metformin HCl oral tablet
- Metformin HCl ER oral tablet

**Step 2 Drug(s):**

- Jentadueto (linagliptin-metformin HCl) oral tablet
- Jentadueto XR (linagliptin-metformin HCl) oral tablet
- Tradjenta (linagliptin) oral tablet

**Step 3 Drug(s):**

- Alogliptin benzoate oral tablet
- Alogliptin benzoate-pioglitazone HCl oral tablet
- Janumet (sitagliptin phosphate-metformin HCl) oral tablet
- Janumet XR (sitagliptin phosphate-metformin HCl) oral tablet
- Januvia (sitagliptin phosphate) oral tablet
- Kazano (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

**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 Step 2 Drug for 12 months. For Step 3 Drug request continue to #3
   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 Step 2 Drug for 12 months. For Step 3 Drug request continue to #3
b. If no, clinical review required

3. Prescription claim for ONE Step 2 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 #4

4. If no claim history of Step 2 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to ONE Step 2 Drug is required.
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### Evzio® (naloxone HCl)
**Step Therapy Guidelines**

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### Affected Medication(s)

- Fabior (tazarotene) topical foam

### Step Therapy Requirements

**Step 1 Drug(s):**

- Avita (tretinoin) topical cream
- Avita (tretinoin) topical gel
- Tretinoin topical cream
- Tretinoin topical gel

### 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
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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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Affected Medication(s)

- Giazo® (balsalazide disodium) oral tablet

Step Therapy Requirements

Step 1 Drug(s):

- Balsalazide disodium 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, approve for 12 months
   b. If no, continue to #2

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## Affected Medication(s)

### Step 2 Drug(s):
- Adlyxin (lixisenatide) subcutaneous pen injector
- Bydureon Pen (exenatide microspheres) subcutaneous pen injector
- Bydureon (exenatide microspheres) vial for subcutaneous injection
- Bydureon BCise (exenatide microspheres) subcutaneous auto injector
- Byetta (exenatide) subcutaneous pen injector
- Tanzeum (albiglutide) subcutaneous pen injector
- Trulicity (dulaglutide) subcutaneous pen injector
- Victoza 2-Pak (liraglutide) subcutaneous pen injector
- Victoza 3-Pak (liraglutide) subcutaneous pen injector

### Step 3 Drug(s):
- Ozempic (semaglutide) subcutaneous pen injector

## Step Therapy Requirements

### Step 1 Drug(s):
- Metformin HCl oral tablet
- Metformin HCl ER tablet

### Step 2 Drug(s):
- Adlyxin (lixisenatide) subcutaneous pen injector
- Bydureon Pen (exenatide microspheres) subcutaneous pen injector
- Bydureon (exenatide microspheres) vial
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- Trulicity (dulaglutide) subcutaneous pen injector
- Victoza 2-Pak (liraglutide) subcutaneous pen injector
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## 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 Step 2 Drug for 12 months. For Step 3 Drug request continue to #3
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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 Step 2 Drug for 12 months. For Step 3 Drug request continue to #3
   - b. If no, clinical review required
3. Prescription claim for TWO Step 2 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 #4

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

- AirDuo RespiClick (fluticasone propionate-salmeterol xinafoate) inhalation powder

Step Therapy Requirements

Step 1 Drug(s):

- Advair Diskus (fluticasone propionate-salmeterol xinafoate) inhalation powder
- Advair HFA (fluticasone propionate-salmeterol xinafoate) inhalation aerosol
- Breo Ellipta (fluticasone furoate-vilanterol trifenatate) inhalation powder

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)
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# Insomnia Agents
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### Affected Medication(s)
- Istalol (timolol maleate) ophthalmic drops

### Step Therapy Requirements
#### Step 1 Drug(s):
- Timolol maleate ophthalmic drops

### 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
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Affected Medication(s)

- Dutasteride-tamsulosin HCl oral capsule
- Jalyn (dutasteride-tamsulosin HCl) oral capsule

Step Therapy Requirements

Step 1 Drug(s):

- Finasteride oral tablet
- Tamsulosin HCl oral capsule

Step Therapy Criteria

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

**Affected Medication(s)**
- Stiolto Respimat (tiotropium bromide-olodaterol HCl) inhalation spray

**Step Therapy Requirements**

**Step 1 Drug(s):**
- Incruse Ellipta (umeclidinium bromide) inhalation powder

**Step Therapy Criteria**

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Affected Medication(s)

- Arcapta Neohaler (indacaterol maleate) inhalation powder
- Brovana (arformoterol tartrate) inhalation solution
- Foradil (formoterol fumarate) inhalation powder
- Perforomist (formoterol fumarate) inhalation solution

Step Therapy Requirements

**Step 1 Drug(s):**
- Serevent Diskus (salmeterol xinafoate) inhalation powder

Step Therapy Criteria

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Affected Medication(s)
- Tudorza Pressair (aclidinium bromide) inhalation powder

Step Therapy Requirements

Step 1 Drug(s):
- Incruse Ellipta (umeclidinium bromide) inhalation powder

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
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## Long-Acting Insulin Agents

### Step Therapy Guidelines

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### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Lantus (insulin glargine) subcutaneous vial
- Lantus Solostar (insulin glargine) subcutaneous insulin pen
- Toujeo Max Solostar (insulin glargine) subcutaneous insulin pen
- Toujeo Solostar (insulin glargine) subcutaneous insulin 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
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Affected Medication(s)

- Oxycodone HCl 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 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
   
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**Lyrica® (pregabalin)**  
**Step Therapy Guidelines**

### Affected Medication(s)
- Lyrica (pregabalin) oral capsule
- Lyrica (pregabalin) oral solution
- Lyrica CR (pregabalin) oral tablet

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):
- Duloxetine HCl DR oral capsule
- Gabapentin oral capsule
- Gabapentin oral solution
- Gabapentin oral tablet

### Step Therapy Criteria

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# Metoclopramide ODT
## Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)
- Metoclopramide HCl ODT tablet
- Metozolv ODT (metoclopramide HCl) tablet

### Step Therapy Requirements

**Step 1 Drug(s):**
- Metoclopramide HCl oral tablet
- Metoclopramide HCl oral solution

### Step Therapy Criteria

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Miscellaneous Oral Diabetic Agents
Step Therapy Guidelines

Affected Medication(s)
- Actoplus MET XR (pioglitazone HCl-metformin HCl) oral tablet
- Cycloset (bromocriptine mesylate) oral tablet
- Duetact (pioglitazone HCl-glimepiride) oral tablet
- Pioglitazone HCl-glimepiride oral tablet

Step Therapy Requirements

Step 1 Drug(s):
- Metformin HCl oral tablet
- Metformin HCl ER oral tablet

Step Therapy Criteria

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**Affected Medication(s)**

- Memantine HCl ER oral capsule
- Namenda XR (memantine HCl) oral capsule

**Step Therapy Requirements**

**Step 1 Drug(s):**

- Memantine HCl oral tablet

**Step Therapy Criteria**

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## Namzaric® (memantine HCl-donepezil HCl)
### Step Therapy Guidelines

**Affected Medication(s)**

- Namzaric (memantine HCl-donepezil HCl) oral capsule

**Step Therapy Requirements**

**Step 1 Drug(s):**

- Memantine HCl oral tablet
- Donepezil HCl oral tablet
- Donepezil HCl ODT tablet

**Step Therapy Criteria**

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**Nasal Steroid Agents**  
**Step Therapy Guidelines**

### Affected Medication(s)

- Beconase AQ (beclomethasone dipropionate) nasal spray
- Dymista (azelastine HCl-fluticasone propionate) nasal spray
- Nasonex (mometasone furoate) nasal spray
- Omnaris (ciclesonide) nasal spray
- Patanase (olopatadine HCl) nasal spray
- Qnasl (beclomethasone dipropionate) nasal aerosol
- Qnasl Children (beclomethasone dipropionate) nasal aerosol
- Rhinocort Aqua (budesonide) nasal spray
- Veramyst (fluticasone furoate) nasal spray
- Zetonna (ciclesonide) nasal aerosol

### Step Therapy Requirements

**Step 1 Drug(s):**

- Budesonide nasal spray
- Flunisolide nasal spray
- Fluticasone propionate nasal spray
- Triamcinolone acetonide nasal spray

### Step Therapy Criteria

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Affected Medication(s)

- Noctiva® (desmopressin acetate) nasal spray

Step Therapy Requirements

Step 1 Drug(s):

- Desmopressin acetate oral tablet
- Flavoxate HCl oral tablet

Step Therapy Criteria

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## NSAID Agents
### Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)
- Sprix (ketorolac tromethamine) nasal spray
- Vivlodex (meloxicam, submicronized) oral capsule

### 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
- Naproxen oral tablet
- Naproxen DR oral tablet
- Oxaprozin oral tablet
- Sulindac oral tablet
- Tolmetin sodium oral capsule

#### Step Therapy Criteria

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Onmel® (itraconazole)
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# Overactive Bladder Agents

## Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)
- Darifenacin ER oral tablet
- Enablex (darifenacin hydrobromide) ER oral tablet
- Gelnique (oxybutynin chloride) transdermal gel pump
- Gelnique (oxybutynin chloride) transdermal gel packet
- Myrbetriq (mirabegron) ER oral tablet
- Oxytrol (oxybutynin) transdermal patch
- Toviaz (fesoterodine fumarate) ER oral tablet
- Vesicare (solifenacin succinate) oral tablet

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):
- Oxybutynin chloride oral tablet
- Oxybutynin chloride ER oral tablet
- Tolterodine tartrate oral tablet
- Trospium chloride 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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Proton Pump Inhibitor Agents
Step Therapy Guidelines

Affected Medication(s)

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

Step Therapy Requirements

Step 1 Drug(s):

• Lansoprazole DR oral capsule
• Omeprazole DR oral capsule
• Pantoprazole sodium 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
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## Pramipexole ER
### Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)
- Mirapex ER (pramipexole dihydrochloride) ER oral tablet
- Pramipexole ER oral tablet

### Step Therapy Requirements

**Step 1 Drug(s):**
- Pramipexole dihydrochloride oral tablet

### Step Therapy Criteria

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   - 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
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### Affected Medication(s)

- Mirvaso (brimonidine tartrate) topical gel
- Mirvaso (brimonidine tartrate) topical gel pump
- Rhofade (oxymetazoline HCl) topical cream
- Rosadan (metronidazole-skin cleanser combination no. 23) topical cream kit
- Rosadan (metronidazole-skin cleanser combination no. 23) topical gel kit

### Step Therapy Requirements

**Step 1 Drug(s):**

- Metronidazole topical cream
- Metronidazole topical lotion
- Metronidazole topical gel pump
- Metronidazole topical gel

### 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
   
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# Short-Acting Beta Agonist Agents

## Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

- Proair HFA (albuterol sulfate) inhalation aerosol
- Proair RespiClick (albuterol sulfate) inhalation powder
- Proventil HFA (albuterol sulfate) inhalation aerosol
- Xopenex HFA (levalbuterol tartrate) inhalation aerosol

### Step Therapy Requirements

**Step 1 Drug(s):**
- Ventolin HFA (albuterol sulfate) inhalation aerosol

### 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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Affected Medication(s)

Step 2 Drug(s):
- 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

Step 3 Drug(s):
- Glyxambi (empagliflozin-linagliptin) 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
- Stegletro (ertugliflozin pidolate) oral tablet
- Steglujan (ertugliflozin pidolate-sitagliptin phosphate) oral tablet

Step Therapy Requirements

Step 1 Drug(s):
- Metformin HCl oral tablet
- Metformin HCl ER tablet

Step 2 Drug(s):
- 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

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 Step 2 Drug for 12 months. For Step 3 Drug request continue to #3
   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 Step 2 Drug for 12 months. For Step 3 Drug request continue to #3
   b. If no, clinical review required
3. Prescription claim for ONE Step 2 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 #4

4. If no claim history of Step 2 Drug(s), documentation of trial, intolerance or contraindication to ONE Step 2 Drug is required.
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Sitavig® (acyclovir)
Step Therapy Guidelines

Affected Medication(s)
- Sitavig (acyclovir) buccal tablet

Step Therapy Requirements

Step 1 Drug(s):
- Acyclovir oral capsule
- Acyclovir oral tablet
- Famciclovir oral tablet
- Valacyclovir HCl 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
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Soriatane® (acitretin)
Step Therapy Guidelines

Affected Medication(s)
- Acitretin oral capsule
- Soriatane (acitretin) oral capsule

Step Therapy Requirements

Step 1 Drug(s):
- Avita (tretinoin) topical cream
- Avita (tretinoin) topical gel
- Tretinoin topical cream
- Tretinoin topical gel

Step Therapy Criteria

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   b. If no, clinical review required

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Affected Medication(s)

- Spritam (levetiracetam) oral tablet for suspension

Step Therapy Requirements

Step 1 Drug(s):

- Levetiracetam oral tablet
- Levetiracetam oral solution
- Levetiracetam vial
- Levetiracetam ER 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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# Statin Agents
## Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)
- Fluvastatin sodium ER oral tablet
- Fluvastatin sodium oral capsule
- Livalo (pitavastatin calcium) oral tablet
- Zypitamag (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
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**Step Therapy Requirements**

**Step 1 Drug(s):**

- Sodium sulfacetamide-sulfur topical cleanser

**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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Tetracycline Antibiotic Agents
Step Therapy Guidelines

Affected Medication(s)

- Doryx (doxycycline hyclate) DR oral tablet
- Doryx MPC (doxycycline hyclate) DR oral tablet
- Doxycycline hyclate DR oral tablet
- Oracea (doxycycline monohydrate) oral capsule
- Soloxide (doxycycline hyclate) DR oral tablet
- Targadox (doxycycline hyclate) oral tablet
- Ximino (minocycline HCl) ER oral capsule

Step Therapy Requirements

Step 1 Drug(s):

- Doxycycline monohydrate oral capsule
- Doxycycline monohydrate oral tablet
- 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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### Affected Medication(s)
- Clindamycin phosphate-tretinoin topical gel
- Veltin (clindamycin phosphate-tretinoin) topical gel
- Ziana (clindamycin phosphate-tretinoin) topical gel

### Step Therapy Requirements

**Step 1 Drug(s):**
- Avita (tretinoin) topical cream
- Avita (tretinoin) topical gel
- Tretinoin topical cream
- Tretinoin topical gel

### 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)**

- Acanya (clindamycin phosphate-benzoyl peroxide) topical gel pump
- Onexton (clindamycin phosphate-benzoyl peroxide) topical gel pump

**Step Therapy Requirements**

**Step 1 Drugs:**

- Clindamycin phosphate-benzoyl peroxide topical gel
- Clindamycin phosphate-benzoyl peroxide topical gel pump
- Neuac (clindamycin phosphate-benzoyl peroxide) topical gel

**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 Antibiotic Agents
## Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)
- Altabax 1% ointment
- Xepi 1% cream

### Step Therapy Requirements

**Step 1 Drug(s):**
- Mupirocin 2% cream
- Mupirocin 2% ointment

### 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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## Affected Medication(s)

- Avage (tazarotene) topical cream
- Doxepin topical cream
- Eucrisa (crisaborole) topical ointment
- Tazorac (tazarotene) topical gel

## Step Therapy Requirements

### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Betamethasone dipropionate topical cream
- Betamethasone dipropionate topical lotion
- Betamethasone dipropionate topical ointment
- Betamethasone dipropionate augmented (betamethasone dipropionate-propylene glycol) topical cream
- Betamethasone dipropionate augmented (betamethasone dipropionate-propylene glycol) topical lotion
- Betamethasone dipropionate augmented (betamethasone dipropionate-propylene glycol) topical ointment
- Betamethasone valerate topical cream
- Betamethasone valerate topical lotion
- Betamethasone valerate topical ointment
- Clobetasol propionate topical cream
- Clobetasol propionate topical ointment
- Clobetasol propionate topical solution
- Clobetasol propionate topical lotion
- Desoximetasone topical cream
- Desoximetasone topical gel
- Desoximetasone topical ointment
- Fluocinonide topical cream
- Fluocinonide topical gel
- Fluocinonide topical ointment
- Fluocinonide topical solution
- Fluocinonide-E (fluocinonide-emollient base) topical cream
- Halobetasol propionate topical cream
- Halobetasol propionate topical 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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Affected Medication(s)

- Flector (diclofenac epolamine) topical patch
- Pennsaid (diclofenac sodium) topical solution

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
- Naproxen oral tablet
- Naproxen DR oral tablet
- Oxaprozin oral tablet
- Sulindac oral tablet
- Tolmetin sodium oral capsule
- Diclofenac sodium topical gel

Step Therapy Criteria

1. Prescription claim for ONE prescription strength oral NSAID Step 1 Drug AND diclofenac sodium gel 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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**Topical Vitamin A Derivatives**  
**Step Therapy Guidelines**

### Affected Medication(s)

- Atralin (tretinoin) topical gel
- Differin (adapalene) topical cream
- Differin (adapalene) topical gel
- Differin (adapalene) topical gel pump
- Epiduo (adapalene-benzoyl peroxide) topical gel pump
- Retin-A (tretinoin) topical cream
- Retin-A (tretinoin) topical gel
- Retin-A-Micro (tretinoin microspheres) topical gel
- Retin-A-Micro Pump (tretinoin microspheres) topical gel
- Tazorac topical cream
- Tazorac topical gel
- Tretinoin microsphere topical gel
- Tretinoin microsphere topical gel pump
- Tretin-X (tretinoin) topical cream
- Tretin-X (tretinoin-emollient combination no. 9-skin cleanser no.1) topical combo package

### Step Therapy Requirements

#### Step 1 Drug(s):

- Adapalene topical cream
- Adapalene topical gel
- Adapalene topical gel pump
- Adapalene-benzoyl peroxide topical gel pump
- Avita (tretinoin) topical cream
- Avita (tretinoin) topical gel
- Tretinoin topical cream
- Tretinoin topical gel

### 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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# Triptan Agents

## Step Therapy Guidelines

### Affected Medication(s)

### Step 2 Drug(s):
- Almotriptan malate oral tablet
- Axert (almotriptan malate) oral tablet
- Eletriptan hydrobromide oral tablet
- Frova (frovatriptan succinate) oral tablet
- Frovatriptan succinate oral tablet
- Migranal (dihydroergotamine mesylate) nasal spray
- Onzetra Xsail (sumatriptan succinate) nasal powder
- Relpax (eletriptan hydrobromide) oral tablet
- Sumatriptan succinate-naproxen sodium oral tablet
- Sumatriptan nasal spray
- Treximet (sumatriptan succinate-naproxen sodium) oral tablet

### Step 3 Drug(s):
- 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
- Axert (almotriptan malate) oral tablet
- Eletriptan hydrobromide oral tablet
- Frova (frovatriptan succinate) oral tablet
- Frovatriptan succinate oral tablet
- Migranal (dihydroergotamine mesylate) nasal spray
- Onzetra Xsail (sumatriptan succinate) nasal powder
- Relpax (eletriptan hydrobromide) oral tablet
- Sumatriptan succinate-naproxen sodium oral tablet
- Sumatriptan nasal spray
- Treximet (sumatriptan succinate-naproxen sodium) oral tablet

### Step Therapy Criteria

1. Prescription claim for TWO Step 1 Drug(s) within the past 180 days
   a. If yes, approve Step 2 Drug for 12 months. For Step 3 Drug request continue to #3
   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 Step 2 Drug for 12 months. For Step 3 Drug request continue to #3
   b. If no, clinical review required

3. Prescription claim for ONE Step 2 Drug(s) within the past 90 days (Note: 30 days of claims 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 Drug is required
   a. If yes, approve for 12 months
   b. If no, clinical review is required

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Zenzedi® (dextroamphetamine sulfate)  
Step Therapy Guidelines

**Affected Medication(s)**  
- Zenzedi (dextroamphetamine sulfate) oral tablet

**Step Therapy Requirements**  

**Step 1 Drug(s):**
- Dexamphetamine HCl oral tablet  
- Dextroamphetamine-amphetamine oral tablet  
- Dextroamphetamine sulfate oral tablet  
- Methylphenidate 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
   
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# Zodex® (dexamethasone) Step Therapy Guidelines

## Affected Medication(s)
- Zodex (dexamethasone) oral tablet

## Step Therapy Requirements

### Step 1 Drug(s):
- Dexamethasone oral tablet
- Dexamethasone oral elixir

## 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

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