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Blue Shield Coordinated Choice Plan (HMO)

Formulary Updates:

The enclosed table lists the changes made to your formulary such as removing or adding: a drug, prior authorization, quantity limits or step therapy as well as any changes to a cost sharing tier. The table also includes alternative drug(s) if applicable.

Abbreviation Key:

Symbol	Name	Description
LA	Limited Access	This prescription may be available only at certain pharmacies.
PA	Prior Authorization	Coverage for this prescription requires prior authorization from Blue Shield. Call Blue Shield to provide the necessary information to determine coverage. Some drugs may require Part B or Part D coverage determination, based on Medicare coverage rules. These drugs are noted with "PA – Part B vs. D Determination"
QL	Quantity Limit	This medication has a dosing or prescription quantity limit. Maximum daily dose limits are defined by the FDA and listed in the drug package insert. Other quantity limits encourage consolidated dosing when possible.
ST	Step Therapy	Coverage for this prescription is provided when other first-line or preferred drug therapies have been tried (step therapy).
NDS	Non-Extended Day Supply	Medication is NOT available for long-term supply.

Drug Tier Key		
Tier 1: Preferred Generic Drugs		
Tier 2: Generic Drugs		
Tier 3: Preferred Brand Drugs		
Tier 4: Non-Preferred Brand Drugs		
Tier 5: Specialty Tier Drugs		

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EFFECTIVE 02/2021			
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative	
ATRIPLA 600-200-300 MG TAB efavirenz-emtricitabine-tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	- Formulary Removal	efavirenz-emtricitab- tenofovir 600-200-300 mg tab	
BETHKIS 300 MG/4ML NEBU SOLN tobramycin	- Formulary Removal	tobramycin 300 mg/4ml nebu soln	
CABENUVA 400 & 600 MG/2ML SUSP cabotegravir & rilpivirine	- QL Added: 4 / 30 OVER TIME - PA Added		
CABENUVA 600 & 900 MG/3ML SUSP cabotegravir & rilpivirine	- QL Added: 6 / 30 OVER TIME - PA Added		
CAREONE UNIFINE PENTIPS PLUS 33G X 4 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2		
COMFORT TOUCH INSULIN PEN NEED 33G X 4 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2		
dexamethasone sod phosphate preservative free inj 10 mg/ml	- Added to Tier 4 - PA Added		
dimethyl fumarate capsule delayed release 120 mg	- LA Removed		
dimethyl fumarate capsule delayed release 240 mg	- LA Removed		
doxercalciferol cap 0.5 mcg	- Added to Tier 4		
doxercalciferol cap 1 mcg	- Added to Tier 4		

EFFECTIVE 02/2021			
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative	
DEMSER 250 MG CAP metyrosine	- Formulary Removal	metyrosine 250 mg cap	
DIACOMIT 250 MG CAP stiripentol	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 3 / 1 DAYS - PA Added - LA Added		
DIACOMIT 250 MG PACKET stiripentol	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 3 / 1 DAYS - PA Added - LA Added		
DIACOMIT 500 MG CAP stiripentol	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 6 / 1 DAYS - PA Added - LA Added		
DIACOMIT 500 MG PACKET stiripentol	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 6 / 1 DAYS - PA Added - LA Added		
emtricitabine-tenofovir disoproxil fumarate tab 100-150 mg	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 1 / 1 DAYS		
emtricitabine-tenofovir disoproxil fumarate tab 133-200 mg	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 1 / 1 DAYS		
emtricitabine-tenofovir disoproxil fumarate tab 167-250 mg	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 1 / 1 DAYS		
EMTRIVA 200 MG CAP emtricitabine	- Formulary Removal	emtricitabine 200 mg cap	

EFFECTIVE 02/2021		
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative
fluphenazine hcl tab 10 mg	- Added to Tier 4	
fluphenazine hcl tab 2.5 mg	- Added to Tier 4	
fluphenazine hcl tab 5 mg	- Added to Tier 4	
HECTOROL 0.5 MCG CAP doxercalciferol	- Added to Tier 4	
HECTOROL 1 MCG CAP doxercalciferol	- Added to Tier 4	
HECTOROL 2.5 MCG CAP doxercalciferol	- Added to Tier 4	
HEMADY 20 MG TAB dexamethasone	- Added to Tier 4 - PA Added	
ICLUSIG 10 MG TAB ponatinib hcl	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 1 / 1 DAYS - PA Added - LA Added	
ICLUSIG 30 MG TAB ponatinib hcl	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 1 / 1 DAYS - PA Added - LA Added	
KUVAN 100 MG PACKET sapropterin dihydrochloride	- Formulary Removal	sapropterin dihydrochloride 100 mg packet

EFFECTIVE 02/2021			
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative	
KUVAN 100 MG TAB sapropterin dihydrochloride	- Formulary Removal	sapropterin dihydrochloride 100 mg tab	
KUVAN 500 MG PACKET sapropterin dihydrochloride	- Formulary Removal	sapropterin dihydrochloride 500 mg packet	
LEUKINE 250 MCG RECON SOLN sargramostim	- PA Added		
nitrofurantoin macrocrystalline cap 100 mg	- Added to Tier 2		
norethindrone tab 0.35 mg	- Added to Tier 2		
norgestimate-eth estrad tab 0.18-35/0.215-35/0.25-35 mg- mcg	- Added to Tier 2		
NINLARO 2.3 MG CAP ixazomib citrate	- PA Added		
NINLARO 3 MG CAP ixazomib citrate	- PA Added		
ONUREG 200 MG TAB azacitidine	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added		
ONUREG 300 MG TAB azacitidine	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added		
sapropterin dihydrochloride powder packet 100 mg	- LA Removed		

EFFECTIVE 02/2021 Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative
sapropterin dihydrochloride powder packet 500 mg	- LA Removed	
sapropterin dihydrochloride tab 100 mg	- LA Removed	
scopolamine td patch 72hr 1 mg/3days	- PA Added	
SYMFI 600-300-300 MG TAB efavirenz-lamivudine-tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	- Formulary Removal	efavirenz-lamivudine- tenofovir 600-300-300 mg tab
SYMFI LO 400-300-300 MG TAB efavirenz-lamivudine-tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	- Formulary Removal	efavirenz-lamivudine- tenofovir 400-300-300 mg tab
tobramycin nebu soln 300 mg/4ml	- LA Removed	
TECFIDERA 120 MG CAP DR dimethyl fumarate	- Formulary Removal	dimethyl fumarate 120 mg cap dr
TECFIDERA 240 MG CAP DR dimethyl fumarate	- Formulary Removal	dimethyl fumarate 240 mg cap dr
TRUVADA 200-300 MG TAB emtricitabine-tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	- Formulary Removal	emtricitabine-tenofovir df 200-300 mg tab
TYKERB 250 MG TAB lapatinib ditosylate	- Formulary Removal	lapatinib ditosylate 250 mg tab

EFFECTIVE 03/2021			
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative	
abiraterone acetate tab 500 mg	- LA Removed		
budesonide inhalation susp 0.25 mg/2ml	- Added to Tier 2		
BANZEL 40 MG/ML SUSPENSION rufinamide	- Formulary Removal	rufinamide 40 mg/ml suspension	
cimetidine hcl soln 300 mg/5ml	- Added to Tier 2		
CABENUVA 400 & 600 MG/2ML SUSP cabotegravir & rilpivirine	- Added to Tier 5		
CABENUVA 600 & 900 MG/3ML SUSP cabotegravir & rilpivirine	- Added to Tier 5		
COMFORT TOUCH ALCOHOL PREP 70 % PAD alcohol swabs	- Added to Tier 2		
dimethyl fumarate capsule dr starter pack 120 mg & 240 mg	- LA Removed		
doxercalciferol cap 0.5 mcg	- Added to Tier 4 - PA Added		
doxercalciferol cap 1 mcg	- Added to Tier 4 - PA Added		
doxercalciferol cap 2.5 mcg	- Added to Tier 4 - PA Added		

EFFECTIVE 03/2021			
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative	
droxidopa cap 100 mg	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 252 / 90 OVER TIME - PA Added		
droxidopa cap 200 mg	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 120 / 30 OVER TIME - PA Added		
droxidopa cap 300 mg	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 84 / 90 OVER TIME - PA Added		
H-E-B INCONTROL PEN NEEDLES 31G X 5 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2		
HM ULTICARE MINI PEN NEEDLES 31G X 5 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2		
hydrocortisone tab 10 mg	- Added to Tier 2		
HECTOROL 0.5 MCG CAP doxercalciferol	- Added to Tier 4		
HECTOROL 1 MCG CAP doxercalciferol	- Added to Tier 4		
norethindrone-eth estradiol tab 0.5-35/0.75-35/1-35 mg- mcg	- Added to Tier 2		
OZEMPIC (1 MG/DOSE) 4 MG/3ML SOLN PEN semaglutide	- Added to Tier 3 - QL Added: 3 / 28 OVER TIME		

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Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative			
penicillamine tab 250 mg	- PA Added				
posaconazole tab delayed release 100 mg	- PA Added				
PLEGRIDY 125 MCG/0.5ML SOLN PRSYR peginterferon beta-1a	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added - LA Added				
ranolazine tab er 12hr 1000 mg	- PA Added				
ranolazine tab er 12hr 500 mg	- PA Added				
SAPHRIS 10 MG SL TAB asenapine maleate	- Formulary Removal	asenapine maleate 10 mg sl tab			
SAPHRIS 2.5 MG SL TAB asenapine maleate	- Formulary Removal	asenapine maleate 2.5 mg sl tab			
SAPHRIS 5 MG SL TAB asenapine maleate	- Formulary Removal	asenapine maleate 5 mg sl tab			
SECURESAFE SAFETY PEN NEEDLES 30G X 8 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2				
topiramate cap er 24hr sprinkle 100 mg	- Added to Tier 4 - PA Added				
topiramate cap er 24hr sprinkle 150 mg	- Added to Tier 4 - PA Added				

EFFECTIVE 03/2021			
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative	
topiramate cap er 24hr sprinkle 200 mg	- Added to Tier 4 - PA Added		
topiramate cap er 24hr sprinkle 25 mg	- Added to Tier 4 - PA Added		
topiramate cap er 24hr sprinkle 50 mg	- Added to Tier 4 - PA Added		
TECFIDERA 120 & 240 MG MISC dimethyl fumarate	- Formulary Removal	dimethyl fumarate starter pack 120 & 240 mg misc	
TEPMETKO 225 MG TAB tepotinib hcl	- LA Added - QL Added: 2 / 1 DAYS		
TRUE COMFORT PRO ALCOHOL PREP 70 % PAD alcohol swabs	- Added to Tier 2		
TRUE COMFORT PRO INSULIN SYR 31G X 5/16" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2		
TRUE COMFORT PRO INSULIN SYR 31G X 5/16" 1 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2		
TRUE COMFORT PRO INSULIN SYR 32G X 5/16" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2		
TRUE COMFORT PRO PEN NEEDLES 31G X 5 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2		
TRUE COMFORT PRO PEN NEEDLES 31G X 6 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2		

EFFECTIVE 03/2021				
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative		
TRUE COMFORT PRO PEN NEEDLES 32G X 4 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2			
UKONIQ 200 MG TAB umbralisib tosylate	- QL Added: 4 / 1 DAYS - LA Added			
ULTICARE MINI PEN NEEDLES 30G X 5 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2			
ULTICARE SHORT PEN NEEDLES 30G X 8 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2			
ULTIGUARD SAFEPACK SYR/NEEDLE 31G X 5/16" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2			
vigabatrin tab 500 mg	- PA Added			
VASCEPA 1 GM CAP icosapent ethyl	- Formulary Removal	icosapent ethyl 1 gm cap		
VELTASSA 16.8 GM PACKET patiromer sorbitex calcium	- LA Removed			
VELTASSA 25.2 GM PACKET patiromer sorbitex calcium	- LA Removed			
VELTASSA 8.4 GM PACKET patiromer sorbitex calcium	- LA Removed			
XELJANZ 1 MG/ML SOLUTION tofacitinib citrate	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 10 / 1 DAYS - PA Added			

EFFECTIVE 03/2021		
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative
ZYTIGA 500 MG TAB abiraterone acetate	- Formulary Removal	abiraterone acetate 500 mg tab

EFFECTIVE 04/2021		
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative
albuterol sulfate inhal aero 108 mcg/act (90mcg base equiv)	- QL Change: 17 / 30 OVER TIME to 13.4 / 30 OVER TIME	
ALBUTEROL SULFATE HFA 108 (90 BASE) MCG/ACT AERO SOLN albuterol sulfate	- QL Added: 36 / 30 OVER TIME	
ALINIA 500 MG TAB nitazoxanide	- Formulary Removal	nitazoxanide 500 mg tab
ARCALYST 220 MG RECON SOLN	- PA Added	
CYCLOPHOSPHAMIDE 25 MG TAB cyclophosphamide	- Added to Tier 3 - PA Added	
CYCLOPHOSPHAMIDE 50 MG TAB cyclophosphamide	- Added to Tier 3 - PA Added	
EASY TOUCH INSULIN SYRINGE 29G X 1/2" 1 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
fluocinonide cream 0.05%	- ST Removed	
H-E-B INCONTROL UNIFINE PENTIP 31G X 5 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2	
H-E-B INCONTROL UNIFINE PENTIP 31G X 6 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2	
H-E-B INCONTROL UNIFINE PENTIP 31G X 8 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2	

EFFECTIVE 04/2021		
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative
H-E-B INCONTROL UNIFINE PENTIP 33G X 4 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2	
HUMIRA PEN-PEDIATRIC UC START 80 MG/0.8ML PEN KIT adalimumab	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added	
INSULIN SYRINGE-NEEDLE U-100 30G X 5/16" 1 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
mycophenolate mofetil hcl for iv soln 500 mg (base equiv)	- Added to Tier 4 - PA Added	
NEONATAL PLUS 27-1 MG TAB prenatal vit w/ ferrous fumarate-folic acid	- Added to Tier 3	
NEONATAL COMPLETE 29-1 MG TAB prenatal vit w/ ferrous fumarate-folic acid	- Added to Tier 3	
NINLARO 4 MG CAP ixazomib citrate	- PA Added	
ORGOVYX 120 MG TAB relugolix	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added	
PRENATRIX 27-1 MG TAB prenatal vit w/ ferrous fumarate-folic acid	- Added to Tier 3	
PRENATRYL 27-1 MG TAB prenatal vit w/ ferrous fumarate-folic acid	- Added to Tier 3	
ULTIGUARD SAFEPACK PEN NEEDLE 31G X 5 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2	
ULTIGUARD SAFEPACK PEN NEEDLE 31G X 8 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2	

EFFECTIVE 04/2021		
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative
ULTRA FLO INSULIN PEN NEEDLES 31G X 5 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2	
ULTRA FLO INSULIN PEN NEEDLES 31G X 8 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2	
ULTRA FLO INSULIN PEN NEEDLES 32G X 4 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2	
ULTRA FLO INSULIN PEN NEEDLES 33G X 4 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2	
ULTRA FLO INSULIN SYR 1/2 UNIT 30G X 1/2" 0.3 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
ULTRA FLO INSULIN SYR 1/2 UNIT 30G X 5/16" 0.3 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
ULTRA FLO INSULIN SYR 1/2 UNIT 31G X 5/16" 0.3 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
ULTRA FLO INSULIN SYRINGE 29G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
ULTRA FLO INSULIN SYRINGE 29G X 1/2" 1 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
ULTRA FLO INSULIN SYRINGE 30G X 1/2" 0.3 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
ULTRA FLO INSULIN SYRINGE 30G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
ULTRA FLO INSULIN SYRINGE 30G X 1/2" 1 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	

EFFECTIVE 04/2021		
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative
ULTRA FLO INSULIN SYRINGE 30G X 5/16" 0.3 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
ULTRA FLO INSULIN SYRINGE 30G X 5/16" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
ULTRA FLO INSULIN SYRINGE 30G X 5/16" 1 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
ULTRA FLO INSULIN SYRINGE 31G X 5/16" 0.3 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
ULTRA FLO INSULIN SYRINGE 31G X 5/16" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
ULTRA FLO INSULIN SYRINGE 31G X 5/16" 1 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
WESTAB PLUS 27-1 MG TAB prenatal vit w/ ferrous fumarate-folic acid	- Added to Tier 3	
XELJANZ 1 MG/ML SOLUTION tofacitinib citrate	- PA Removed	
XTANDI 40 MG TAB enzalutamide	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 4 / 1 DAYS - PA Added - LA Added	
XTANDI 80 MG TAB enzalutamide	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added - LA Added - QL Added: 2 / 1 DAYS	

EFFECTIVE 05/2021		
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative
albuterol sulfate inhal aero 108 mcg/act (90mcg base equiv)	- QL Change: 17 / 30 OVER TIME to 13.4 / 30 OVER TIME	
ALCOH-WIPE SHEET alcohol sheets	- Added to Tier 2	
BD INSULIN SYRINGE U/F 30G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
BD INSULIN SYRINGE ULTRAFINE 30G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
CAREONE INSULIN SYRINGE 30G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
COMFORT EZ INSULIN SYRINGE 30G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
desmopressin acetate preservative free (pf) inj 4 mcg/ml	- Added to Tier 4	
dextrose 2.5% w/ sodium chloride 0.45%	- Added to Tier 4	
dextrose 5% w/ sodium chloride 0.225%	- Added to Tier 4	
diazepam oral soln 1 mg/ml	- Added to Tier 2 - QL Added: 60 / 1 DAYS	
DEXTROSE-SODIUM CHLORIDE 5-0.3 % SOLUTION dextrose w/ sodium chloride	- Added to Tier 4	
DROPLET INSULIN SYRINGE 30G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	

FFECTIVE 05/2021		
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative
erlotinib hcl tab 100 mg (base equivalent)	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 1 / 1 DAYS - PA Added	
erlotinib hcl tab 150 mg (base equivalent)	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 1 / 1 DAYS - PA Added	
erlotinib hcl tab 25 mg (base equivalent)	- QL Added: 3 / 1 DAYS - LA Removed - PA Added	
erythromycin pads 2%	- Added to Tier 3	
EASY COMFORT INSULIN SYRINGE 30G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
EASY TOUCH INSULIN SYRINGE 27G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
EASY TOUCH INSULIN SYRINGE 28G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
EASY TOUCH INSULIN SYRINGE 29G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
EASY TOUCH INSULIN SYRINGE 30G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
FOTIVDA 0.89 MG CAP tivozanib hcl	- QL Added: 21 / 28 OVER TIME - LA Added	

EFFECTIVE 05/2021		
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative
FOTIVDA 1.34 MG CAP tivozanib hcl	- QL Added: 21 / 28 OVER TIME - LA Added	
GAVRETO 100 MG CAP pralsetinib	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 4 / 1 DAYS - PA Added - LA Added	
GLOBAL INJECT EASE INSULIN SYR 30G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
GLUCOPRO INSULIN SYRINGE 30G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
imatinib mesylate tab 100 mg (base equivalent)	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 8 / 1 DAYS - PA Added	
imatinib mesylate tab 400 mg (base equivalent)	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added - QL Added: 2 / 1 DAYS	
INSULIN SYRINGE 30G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
NERLYNX 40 MG TAB neratinib maleate	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 6 / 1 DAYS - PA Added - LA Added	
progesterone cap 100 mg	- Added to Tier 2	
progesterone cap 200 mg	- Added to Tier 2	

EFFECTIVE 05/2021		
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative
PX INSULIN SYRINGE 30G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
PRO COMFORT INSULIN SYRINGE 30G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
SURE COMFORT INSULIN SYRINGE 30G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
TECHLITE INSULIN SYRINGE 30G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
TEPMETKO 225 MG TAB tepotinib hcl	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added	
TRUVADA 100-150 MG TAB emtricitabine-tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	- Formulary Removal	emtricitabine-tenofovir df 100-150 mg tab
TRUVADA 133-200 MG TAB emtricitabine-tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	- Formulary Removal	emtricitabine-tenofovir df 133-200 mg tab
TRUVADA 167-250 MG TAB emtricitabine-tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	- Formulary Removal	emtricitabine-tenofovir df 167-250 mg tab
ULTICARE INSULIN SYRINGE 30G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
ULTIGUARD SAFEPACK PEN NEEDLE 29G X 12.7MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2	
ULTIGUARD SAFEPACK SYR/NEEDLE 30G X 1/2" 0.3 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	

EFFECTIVE 05/2021		
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative
ULTIGUARD SAFEPACK SYR/NEEDLE 30G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
ULTIGUARD SAFEPACK SYR/NEEDLE 30G X 1/2" 1 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
ULTIGUARD SAFEPACK SYR/NEEDLE 31G X 5/16" 0.3 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
ULTIGUARD SAFEPACK SYR/NEEDLE 31G X 5/16" 1 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
ULTILET INSULIN SYRINGE 30G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
ULTRA FLO INSULIN SYRINGE 30G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
ULTRACARE INSULIN SYRINGE 30G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
VANISHPOINT INSULIN SYRINGE 30G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
XPOVIO (100 MG ONCE WEEKLY) 50 MG TAB THPK selinexor	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 8 / 28 OVER TIME - PA Added - LA Added	

EFFECTIVE 05/2021		
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative
XPOVIO (40 MG ONCE WEEKLY) 40 MG TAB THPK selinexor	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 4 / 28 OVER TIME - PA Added - LA Added	
XPOVIO (40 MG TWICE WEEKLY) 40 MG TAB THPK selinexor	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 8 / 28 OVER TIME - PA Added - LA Added	
XPOVIO (60 MG ONCE WEEKLY) 60 MG TAB THPK selinexor	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 4 / 28 OVER TIME - PA Added - LA Added	
XPOVIO (80 MG ONCE WEEKLY) 40 MG TAB THPK selinexor	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 8 / 28 OVER TIME - PA Added - LA Added	

EFFECTIVE 06/2021		
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative
dextrose 5% w/ sodium chloride 0.3%	- Added to Tier 4	
diclofenac potassium tab 50 mg	- Added to Tier 2	
erlotinib hcl tab 25 mg (base equivalent)	- Added to Tier 5	
EASY TOUCH INSULIN SYRINGE 27G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
FERRIPROX 100 MG/ML SOLUTION deferiprone	- PA Added	
isotretinoin cap 10 mg	- Added to Tier 4	
isotretinoin cap 20 mg	- Added to Tier 4	
isotretinoin cap 30 mg	- Added to Tier 4	
isotretinoin cap 40 mg	- Added to Tier 4	
NORTHERA 100 MG CAP droxidopa	- Formulary Removal	droxidopa 100 mg cap
NORTHERA 200 MG CAP droxidopa	- Formulary Removal	droxidopa 200 mg cap
NORTHERA 300 MG CAP droxidopa	- Formulary Removal	droxidopa 300 mg cap
SECUADO 3.8 MG/24HR PATCH 24HR asenapine	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added	

EFFECTIVE 06/2021		
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative
SECUADO 5.7 MG/24HR PATCH 24HR asenapine	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added	
SECUADO 7.6 MG/24HR PATCH 24HR asenapine	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added	
UKONIQ 200 MG TAB umbralisib tosylate	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added	
UNIFINE PEN NEEDLES 32G X 4 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2	
UNIFINE PENTIPS 31G X 5 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2	
UNIFINE PENTIPS 31G X 6 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2	
UNIFINE PENTIPS 31G X 8 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2	
UNIFINE PENTIPS 32G X 4 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2	
XCOPRI (250 MG DAILY DOSE) 100 & 150 MG TAB THPK cenobamate	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added - QL Added: 2 / 1 DAYS	

EFFECTIVE 07/2021		
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative
AYVAKIT 25 MG TAB avapritinib	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 1 / 1 DAYS - PA Added - LA Added	
AYVAKIT 50 MG TAB avapritinib	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 1 / 1 DAYS - PA Added - LA Added	
butalbital-acetaminophen-caffeine tab 50-325-40 mg	- PA Change	
diclofenac sodium gel 1%	- Added to Tier 3	
etravirine tab 100 mg	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 4 / 1 DAYS	
etravirine tab 200 mg	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 2 / 1 DAYS	
FOTIVDA 0.89 MG CAP tivozanib hcl	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added	
FOTIVDA 1.34 MG CAP tivozanib hcl	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added	
INTRON A 10000000 UNIT RECON SOLN interferon alfa-2b	- PA Removed	
INTRON A 10000000 UNIT/ML SOLUTION interferon alfa-2b	- PA Removed	
INTRON A 18000000 UNIT RECON SOLN interferon alfa-2b	- PA Removed	

EFFECTIVE 07/2021		
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative
INTRON A 50000000 UNIT RECON SOLN interferon alfa-2b	- PA Removed	
INTRON A 6000000 UNIT/ML SOLUTION interferon alfa-2b	- PA Removed	
lopinavir-ritonavir tab 100-25 mg	- Added to Tier 4 - QL Added: 10 / 1 DAYS	
lopinavir-ritonavir tab 200-50 mg	- Added to Tier 4 - QL Added: 4 / 1 DAYS	
LUMAKRAS 120 MG TAB sotorasib	- QL Added: 8 / 1 DAYS	
NOVOLOG 70/30 FLEXPEN RELION (70-30) 100 UNIT/ML SUSP PEN insulin aspart protamine & aspart (human)	- Added to Tier 3	
NOVOLOG FLEXPEN RELION 100 UNIT/ML SOLN PEN insulin aspart	- Added to Tier 3	
NOVOLOG MIX 70/30 RELION (70-30) 100 UNIT/ML SUSPENSION insulin aspart protamine & aspart (human)	- Added to Tier 3	
NOVOLOG RELION 100 UNIT/ML SOLUTION insulin aspart	- Added to Tier 3	
potassium chloride inj 40 meq/100ml	- Added to Tier 4	
PANRETIN 0.1 % GEL alitretinoin	- PA Added	

FFECTIVE 07/2021 Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative
PEG-INTRON REDIPEN 50 MCG/0.5ML KIT peginterferon alfa-2b	- PA Removed	
PEGINTRON 50 MCG/0.5ML KIT peginterferon alfa-2b	- PA Removed	
rufinamide tab 200 mg	- Added to Tier 4 - QL Added: 16 / 1 DAYS - ST Added	
rufinamide tab 400 mg	- Added to Tier 4 - QL Added: 8 / 1 DAYS - ST Added	
SYLATRON 200 MCG KIT peginterferon alfa-2b (antineoplastic)	- PA Removed	
SYLATRON 300 MCG KIT peginterferon alfa-2b (antineoplastic)	- PA Removed	
SYLATRON 600 MCG KIT peginterferon alfa-2b (antineoplastic)	- PA Removed	
TRIKAFTA 50-25-37.5 & 75 MG TAB THPK elexacaftor-tezacaftor-ivacaftor	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 3 / 1 DAYS - PA Added - LA Added	
TRUSELTIQ (100MG DAILY DOSE) 100 MG CAP THPK infigratinib phosphate	- QL Added: 21 / 28 OVER TIME - LA Added	
TRUSELTIQ (125MG DAILY DOSE) 100 & 25 MG CAP THPK infigratinib phosphate	- QL Added: 42 / 28 OVER TIME - LA Added	

EFFECTIVE 07/2021		
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative
TRUSELTIQ (50MG DAILY DOSE) 25 MG CAP THPK infigratinib phosphate	- QL Added: 42 / 28 OVER TIME - LA Added	
TRUSELTIQ (75MG DAILY DOSE) 25 MG CAP THPK infigratinib phosphate	- QL Added: 63 / 28 OVER TIME - LA Added	
VANCOMYCIN HCL 1.5 GM RECON SOLN vancomycin hcl	- Added to Tier 4	

EFFECTIVE 08/2021		
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative
ABREVA 10 % CREAM docosanol	- Added to Tier 5	
BYLVAY (PELLETS) 200 MCG CAP SPRINK odevixibat	- QL Added: 30 / 1 DAYS - LA Added	
BYLVAY (PELLETS) 600 MCG CAP SPRINK odevixibat	- QL Added: 10 / 1 DAYS - LA Added	
BYLVAY 1200 MCG CAP odevixibat	- QL Added: 5 / 1 DAYS - LA Added	
BYLVAY 400 MCG CAP odevixibat	- LA Added - QL Added: 15 / 1 DAYS	
clobazam tab 10 mg	- QL Change: 2 / 1 DAYS to 4 / 1 DAYS	
desmopressin acetate inj 4 mcg/ml	- Formulary Removal	desmopressin acetate pf 4 mcg/ml solution
desmopressin acetate tab 0.1 mg	- Formulary Removal	
desmopressin acetate tab 0.2 mg	- Formulary Removal	
docosanol cream 10%	- Added to Tier 5	
EASY TOUCH INSULIN SYRINGE 27G X 1/2" 1 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
INSULIN SYRINGE 28G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	

EFFECTIVE 08/2021		
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative
potassium chloride microencapsulated crys er tab 15 meq	- Added to Tier 2	
pyrazinamide tab 500 mg	- Added to Tier 2	
REZUROCK 200 MG TAB belumosudil mesylate	- QL Added: 1 / 1 DAYS - LA Added	
TRUE COMFORT PRO INSULIN SYR 30G X 1/2" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
TRUE COMFORT PRO INSULIN SYR 30G X 1/2" 1 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
TRUE COMFORT PRO INSULIN SYR 30G X 5/16" 0.5 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
TRUE COMFORT PRO INSULIN SYR 30G X 5/16" 1 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
TRUE COMFORT PRO INSULIN SYR 32G X 5/16" 1 ML MISC insulin syringe/needle u-100	- Added to Tier 2	
XOFLUZA (40 MG DOSE) 1 X 40 MG TAB THPK baloxavir marboxil	- Added to Tier 4 - QL Added: 1 / 30 OVER TIME	
XOFLUZA (80 MG DOSE) 1 X 80 MG TAB THPK baloxavir marboxil	- Added to Tier 4 - QL Added: 1 / 30 OVER TIME	
ZEVRX STERILE ALCOHOL PREP PAD 70 % PAD alcohol swabs	- Added to Tier 2	

FFECTIVE 09/2021 Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative
BANZEL 200 MG TAB rufinamide	- Formulary Removal	rufinamide 200 mg tab
BANZEL 400 MG TAB rufinamide	- Formulary Removal	rufinamide 400 mg tab
COMFORT TOUCH INSULIN PEN NEED 31G X 4 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2	
COMFORT TOUCH INSULIN PEN NEED 31G X 5 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2	
COMFORT TOUCH INSULIN PEN NEED 31G X 6 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2	
COMFORT TOUCH INSULIN PEN NEED 31G X 8 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2	
COMFORT TOUCH INSULIN PEN NEED 32G X 4 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2	
COMFORT TOUCH INSULIN PEN NEED 32G X 5 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2	
COMFORT TOUCH INSULIN PEN NEED 32G X 6 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2	
COMFORT TOUCH INSULIN PEN NEED 32G X 8 MM MISC insulin pen needle	- Added to Tier 2	
dextroamphetamine sulfate tab 15 mg	- Added to Tier 2 - QL Added: 4 / 1 DAYS	
dextroamphetamine sulfate tab 20 mg	- Added to Tier 2 - QL Added: 3 / 1 DAYS	

FFECTIVE 09/2021		
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative
dextroamphetamine sulfate tab 30 mg	- Added to Tier 2 - QL Added: 2 / 1 DAYS	
fluorouracil cream 5%	- Formulary Removal	
FLUOROURACIL 2 % SOLUTION fluorouracil (topical)	- Formulary Removal	
FLUOROURACIL 5 % SOLUTION fluorouracil (topical)	- Formulary Removal	
sunitinib malate cap 12.5 mg (base equivalent)	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 7 / 1 DAYS - PA Added	
sunitinib malate cap 25 mg (base equivalent)	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 3 / 1 DAYS - PA Added	
sunitinib malate cap 37.5 mg (base equivalent)	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 1 / 1 DAYS - PA Added	
sunitinib malate cap 50 mg (base equivalent)	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 1 / 1 DAYS - PA Added	
CHLORPROMAZINE HCL 100 MG/ML CONC	- Added to Tier 4	
CHLORPROMAZINE HCL 30 MG/ML CONC chlorpromazine hcl	- Added to Tier 4	

EFFECTIVE 10/2021		
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative
dexamethasone sod phosphate preservative free inj 10 mg/ml	- Added to Tier 4	
EXKIVITY 40 MG CAP mobocertinib succinate	- QL Added: 4 / 1 DAYS - LA Added	
INTELENCE 100 MG TAB etravirine	- Formulary Removal	etravirine 100 mg tab
INTELENCE 200 MG TAB etravirine	- Formulary Removal	etravirine 200 mg tab
INVEGA HAFYERA 1092 MG/3.5ML SUSP PRSYR paliperidone palmitate	- QL Added: 3.5 / 180 OVER TIME	
INVEGA HAFYERA 1560 MG/5ML SUSP PRSYR paliperidone palmitate	- QL Added: 5 / 180 OVER TIME	
KALETRA 100-25 MG TAB Iopinavir-ritonavir	- Formulary Removal	lopinavir-ritonavir 100-25 mg tab
KALETRA 200-50 MG TAB Iopinavir-ritonavir	- Formulary Removal	lopinavir-ritonavir 200-50 mg tab
LUMAKRAS 120 MG TAB sotorasib	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added	
LYBALVI 10-10 MG TAB olanzapine-samidorphan I-malate	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 1 / 1 DAYS - PA Added	

EFFECTIVE 10/2021	-	
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative
LYBALVI 15-10 MG TAB olanzapine-samidorphan I-malate	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 1 / 1 DAYS - PA Added	
LYBALVI 20-10 MG TAB olanzapine-samidorphan I-malate	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 1 / 1 DAYS - PA Added	
LYBALVI 5-10 MG TAB olanzapine-samidorphan I-malate	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 1 / 1 DAYS - PA Added	
modafinil tab 100 mg	- PA Removed	
modafinil tab 200 mg	- PA Removed	
nebivolol hcl tab 10 mg (base equivalent)	- Added to Tier 3	
nebivolol hcl tab 2.5 mg (base equivalent)	- Added to Tier 3	
nebivolol hcl tab 20 mg (base equivalent)	- Added to Tier 3	
nebivolol hcl tab 5 mg (base equivalent)	- Added to Tier 3	
paroxetine hcl oral susp 10 mg/5ml (base equiv)	- Added to Tier 4 - QL Added: 30 / 1 DAYS	
TRUSELTIQ (100MG DAILY DOSE) 100 MG CAP THPK infigratinib phosphate	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added	
TRUSELTIQ (125MG DAILY DOSE) 100 & 25 MG CAP THPK infigratinib phosphate	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added	

EFFECTIVE 10/2021		
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative
TRUSELTIQ (50MG DAILY DOSE) 25 MG CAP THPK infigratinib phosphate	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added	
TRUSELTIQ (75MG DAILY DOSE) 25 MG CAP THPK infigratinib phosphate	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added	
VARENICLINE TARTRATE 0.5 MG TAB	- Added to Tier 4 - QL Added: 2 / 1 DAYS	
VARENICLINE TARTRATE 1 MG TAB	- Added to Tier 4 - QL Added: 2 / 1 DAYS	
WELIREG 40 MG TAB belzutifan	- QL Added: 3 / 1 DAYS - LA Added	
XOFLUZA (40 MG DOSE) 1 X 40 MG TAB THPK baloxavir marboxil	- QL Change: 1 / 30 OVER TIME to 2 / 30 OVER TIME	

FFECTIVE 11/2021			
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative	
AFINITOR DISPERZ 2 MG TAB SOL everolimus	- QL Removed: 2 / 1 DAYS		
AFINITOR DISPERZ 3 MG TAB SOL everolimus	- QL Removed: 4 / 1 DAYS		
AFINITOR DISPERZ 5 MG TAB SOL everolimus	- QL Removed: 1 / 1 DAYS		
brinzolamide ophth susp 1%	- Added to Tier 3		
everolimus tab 10 mg	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added - QL Added: 2 / 1 DAYS		
everolimus tab for oral susp 2 mg	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added		
everolimus tab for oral susp 3 mg	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added		
everolimus tab for oral susp 5 mg	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added		
EPCLUSA 150-37.5 MG PACKET sofosbuvir-velpatasvir	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 1 / 1 DAYS - PA Added		
EPCLUSA 200-50 MG PACKET sofosbuvir-velpatasvir	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added - QL Added: 2 / 1 DAYS		
ivermectin tab 3 mg	- QL Added: 16 / 365 OVER TIME		

EFFECTIVE 11/2021		
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative
MAVYRET 50-20 MG PACKET glecaprevir-pibrentasvir	- Added to Tier 5 - QL Added: 6 / 1 DAYS - PA Added	
REZUROCK 200 MG TAB belumosudil mesylate	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added	
SUTENT 12.5 MG CAP sunitinib malate	- Formulary Removal	sunitinib malate 12.5 mg cap
SUTENT 25 MG CAP sunitinib malate	- Formulary Removal	sunitinib malate 25 mg cap
SUTENT 37.5 MG CAP sunitinib malate	- Formulary Removal	sunitinib malate 37.5 mg cap
SUTENT 50 MG CAP sunitinib malate	- Formulary Removal	sunitinib malate 50 mg cap
TICOVAC 2.4 MCG/0.5ML SUSP PRSYR tick-borne encephalitis virus vaccine, inactivated	- Added to Tier 3	

EFFECTIVE 12/2021			
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative	
BYLVAY (PELLETS) 200 MCG CAP SPRINK odevixibat	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added		
BYLVAY (PELLETS) 600 MCG CAP SPRINK odevixibat	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added		
BYLVAY 1200 MCG CAP odevixibat	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added		
BYLVAY 400 MCG CAP odevixibat	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added		
CHANTIX 0.5 MG TAB varenicline tartrate	- Formulary Removal		
CHANTIX 1 MG TAB varenicline tartrate	- Formulary Removal		
CHANTIX CONTINUING MONTH PAK 1 MG TAB varenicline tartrate	- Formulary Removal		
EXKIVITY 40 MG CAP mobocertinib succinate	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added		
FARYDAK 10 MG CAP panobinostat lactate	- PA Added		
FARYDAK 15 MG CAP panobinostat lactate	- PA Added		
FARYDAK 20 MG CAP panobinostat lactate	- PA Added		

EFFECTIVE 12/2021			
Drug Name	Description of Change	Alternative	
FERRIPROX 1000 MG TAB deferiprone	- PA Added		
HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE SULFATE 100 MG TAB hydroxychloroquine sulfate	- Added to Tier 2 - QL Added: 4 / 1 DAYS		
HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE SULFATE 300 MG TAB hydroxychloroquine sulfate	- Added to Tier 2 - QL Added: 2 / 1 DAYS		
HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE SULFATE 400 MG TAB hydroxychloroquine sulfate	- Added to Tier 2 - QL Added: 1 / 1 DAYS		
INVEGA HAFYERA 1092 MG/3.5ML SUSP PRSYR paliperidone palmitate	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added		
INVEGA HAFYERA 1560 MG/5ML SUSP PRSYR paliperidone palmitate	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added		
octreotide acetate inj 100 mcg/ml (0.1 mg/ml)	- Added to Tier 4 - PA Added		
octreotide acetate inj 500 mcg/ml (0.5 mg/ml)	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added		
WELIREG 40 MG TAB belzutifan	- Added to Tier 5 - PA Added		

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Formulary Updates:

The enclosed table lists the changes made to your formulary such as removing or adding: a drug, prior authorization, quantity limits or step therapy as well as any changes to a cost sharing tier. The table also includes alternative drug(s) if applicable.

Abbreviation Key:

Symbol	Name	Description
LA	Limited Access	This prescription may be available only at certain pharmacies.
PA	Prior Authorization	Coverage for this prescription requires prior authorization from Blue Shield. Call Blue Shield to provide the necessary information to determine coverage. Some drugs may require Part B or Part D coverage determination, based on Medicare coverage rules. These drugs are noted with "PA – Part B vs. D Determination"
QL	Quantity Limit	This medication has a dosing or prescription quantity limit. Maximum daily dose limits are defined by the FDA and listed in the drug package insert. Other quantity limits encourage consolidated dosing when possible.
ST	Step Therapy	Coverage for this prescription is provided when other first-line or preferred drug therapies have been tried (step therapy).
NDS	Non-Extended Day Supply	Medication is NOT available for long-term supply.

Drug Tier Key		
Tier 1: Preferred Generic Drugs		
Tier 2: Generic Drugs		
Tier 3: Preferred Brand Drugs		
Tier 4: Non-Preferred Brand Drugs		
Tier 5: Specialty Tier Drugs		

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