



**Preferred Drug List**

Please refer to the *Preferred Drug List (PDL)* when prescribing for Amerigroup Community Care members. This guide does not contain a complete list of drugs; rather, it lists the preferred drugs within the most commonly prescribed therapeutic categories.

The medications included in the *PDL* are reviewed and approved by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, which includes practicing physicians and pharmacists from the Amerigroup provider community. The goal of the *PDL* is to provide cost-effective pharmacotherapy choices based on prospective, concurrent and retrospective review of medication therapies and utilization.

Unless otherwise noted, the use of available generics is required. Multisource brand name drugs require prior authorization.

**Note:** Many over-the-counter products are covered and should be considered for first line therapy when appropriate. Cough and cold agents may be an excluded benefit for some plans.

**KEY:**

- \* age restrictions apply
- PA requires prior authorization
- ST requires trial of first step product
- QL daily dosage limits apply
- RX legend prescription product
- OTC over-the-counter available by prescription

**ANTIBACTERIALS**

- ANTIBIOTICS
- CEPHALOSPORINS*
- First Generation*
- QL cefadroxil
  - QL cephalexin
- Second Generation*
- QL cefaclor
  - QL cefprozil
  - QL cefuroxime axetil
- Third Generation*
- QL cefdinir
  - QL cefpodoxime
- FLUOROQUINOLONES*
- QL\* ciprofloxacin tabs
  - levofloxacin
- \* ofloxacin
- MACROLIDES*
- QL azithromycin
  - QL clarithromycin
  - QL erythromycin (all salt forms)
- PENICILLINS*
- QL amoxicillin
  - QL amoxicillin/clavulanate
  - QL ampicillin
  - QL dicloxacillin
  - penicillin VK
- SULFONAMIDES*
- sulfamethoxazole/

- trimethoprim
- TETRACYCLINES*
- doxycycline monohydrate (caps/susp only)
  - minocycline
  - tetracycline
- ANTIFUNGALS
- QL clotrimazole troches
  - QL fluconazole
  - QL griseofulvin
  - QL griseofulvin microsize oral suspension
  - QL ketoconazole
  - QL nystatin
- QL OTC terbinafine
- ANTIVIRALS- HEPATITIS C
- PA QL elbasvir/grazoprevir (Zepatier)
  - PA peginterferon alfa 2a
  - PA peginterferon alfa 2b
  - PA ribavirin
  - PA QL sofosbuvir ( Sovaldi)
  - PA QL sofosbuvir/velpatasvir (Epclusa)
- ANTIVIRALS
- acyclovir
  - famciclovir
  - QL valacyclovir
- HIV/AIDS
- Please see Amerigroup formulary for covered agents.*
- MISCELLANEOUS
- albendazole
  - atovaquone-proguanil
  - clindamycin
  - ethambutol
  - isoniazid
  - ivermectin
  - methenamine
  - QL mefloquine
  - metronidazole tabs
  - neomycin

- QL nitrofurantoin caps
- praziquantel
- pyrazinamide
- rifabutin
- rifampin caps
- rifapentine
- rifater

**CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS**

- ACE INHIBITORS and COMBINATIONS
- QL benazepril, benazepril/HCTZ
  - captopril, captopril/HCTZ
  - enalapril, enalapril/HCTZ
  - QL fosinopril, fosinopril/HCTZ
  - QL lisinopril, lisinopril/HCTZ
  - moexipril, moexipril/HCTZ
  - quinapril, quinapril/HCTZ
- ANGIOTENSIN II RECEPTOR BLOCKERS
- QL candesartan, candesartan/HCTZ
  - QL irbesartan, irbesartan/HCTZ
  - QL losartan, losartan/HCTZ
  - QL valsartan, valsartan/HCTZ
- ANTICOAGULANTS
- apixaban
  - PA QL enoxaparin
  - QL rivaroxaban
  - warfarin (brand and generic)
- ANTIPLATELET AGENTS
- QL OTC aspirin
  - cilostazol
  - QL clopidogrel
  - QL dipyridamole
- BETA BLOCKERS and COMBINATIONS
- acebutolol
  - atenolol
  - atenolol/chlorthalidone
  - betaxolol

- bisoprolol, bisoprolol/HCTZ
  - carvedilol
  - labetalol
  - metoprolol
  - QL metoprolol HCTZ
  - metoprolol ext rel
  - nadolol
  - propranolol,
  - propranolol ext rel
  - sotalol
- CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS
- QL amlodipine
  - QL diltiazem ext-rel
  - QL felodipine ext-rel
  - QL isradipine
  - QL nifedipine ext-rel
  - QL nicardipine
  - QL verapamil ext-rel
- DIURETICS
- amiloride
  - amiloride/HCTZ
  - bumetanide
  - chlorthalidone
  - furosemide
  - hydrochlorothiazide
  - indapamide
  - metolazone
  - spironolactone
  - spironolactone/HCTZ (25/25mg only)
  - torsemide
  - triamterene/HCTZ
- LIPID LOWERING AGENTS
- QL cholestyramine
  - colestipol
  - QL fenofibrate
  - QL gemfibrozil
  - QL lovastatin
  - QL OTC niacin
  - QL pravastatin
  - QL simvastatin

PCSK-9 INHIBITORS  
PA evolocumab  
MISCELLANEOUS AGENTS  
digoxin tab/soln

**CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM**

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE  
QL donepezil  
QL galantamine, ER  
ANALGESICS  
QL codeine/APAP  
QL PA fentanyl citrate lozenge  
QL PA fentanyl transdermal  
QL hydrocodone/acetaminophen  
QL hydromorphone  
QL meperidine  
QL PA methadone  
QL morphine tab, soln,  
suppository  
QL morphine ER tab  
QL oxycodone, oxycodone/APAP  
HYLAURONICS  
PA hyaluronate sodium (Euflexxa)  
PA hyaluronate sodium (Gelsyn)  
PA hyaluronate sodium (Supartz  
FX)

**MISCELLANEOUS**

QL lidocaine crm/HC  
lidocaine jelly, gel, sol  
lidocaine/pramoxine crm  
(without applicator)  
QL PA lidocaine topical patch  
QL tramadol; tramadol/APAP  
ANTICONVULSANTS  
QL carbamazepine  
QL clonazepam tabs  
QL diazepam rectal gel  
QL divalproex DR, ER,  
sprinkle  
QL epitol  
QL ethosuximide

QL felbamate  
QL gabapentin  
QL lamotrigine disper tab, ER,  
ODT  
QL levetiracetam  
QL oxcarbazepine  
QL phenobarbital  
QL phenytoin sod ext-rel  
QL phenytoin tabs, chewable  
QL primidone  
QL roweepra  
QL tiagabine (2mg and 4mg)  
QL topiramate  
QL valproic acid  
QL zonisamide  
ANTIDEPRESSANTS  
QL amitriptyline  
QL amitrip/perphenazine  
QL amoxapine  
QL bupropion, SR/XL  
QL chlordiazepoxide  
/amitriptyline  
QL desipramine  
QL doxepin  
QL imipramine  
QL maprotiline  
QL mirtazapine  
QL nortriptyline  
QL phenelzine  
QL protriptyline  
QL tranylcypromine  
QL trazodone  
QL trimipramine  
SNRIs  
QL venlafaxine  
QL venlafaxine XR  
SSRIs  
QL citalopram  
QL escitalopram  
QL fluoxetine (except 60mg)  
QL fluvoxamine

QL paroxetine hcl  
QL sertraline  
ANTIPSYCHOTICS – oral  
\*QL aripiprazole (tabs only)  
\*QL carbamazepine  
\*QL chlorpromazine  
\*QL clozapine  
\*QL lithium carbonate  
\*QL lithium carbonate ext rel  
\*QL loxapine  
\*QL olanzapine tab  
\*QL paliperidone ext rel  
\*QL perphenazine  
\*PA QL pimozide  
\*QL risperidone tab/soln  
\*QL quetiapine IR  
\*QL thioridazine  
\*QL thiothixene  
\*QL trifluoperazine  
\*QL ziprasidone  
ANTIPSYCHOTICS – injectables  
\* PA aripiprazole (Abilify Maintena)  
\* PA aripiprazole lauroxil (Aristada)  
\*QL fluphenazine decan, inj  
\*QL haloperidol inj  
\*PA olanzapine (Zyprexa Relprevv)  
\*PA paliperidone (Invega Sustenna)  
\*PA paliperidone (Invega Trinza)  
\*PA risperidone (Risperdal Consta)  
ANXIETY  
QL alprazolam  
QL buspirone  
QL chlordiazepoxide  
QL clonazepam  
QL clorazepate  
QL diazepam  
QL hydroxyzine hcl, pamoate  
QL lorazepam  
QL oxazepam  
ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY  
DISORDER

QL \* amphet/dextroamph, ER  
PA QL \* atomoxetine  
QL PA \* dexmethylphenidate  
QL \* dextroamphetamine, XR  
QL PA \* guanfacine ER  
QL \* methylphenidate, XR  
MIGRAINE  
QL amitriptyline  
QL butalbital/APAP  
QL butalbital/APAP/caff  
QL butalbital/APAP/caff/codeine  
QL butalbital/ASA  
QL butalbital/ASA/caff  
QL butalbital/ASA/caff/codeine  
QL naratriptan  
propranolol, XR  
QL sumatriptan tabs  
QL ST sumatriptan inj, spray  
OPIOID/ALCOHOL DEPENDANCE  
QL acamprosate tab  
QL buprenorphine  
PA QL buprenorphine/naloxone  
SL tabs/film  
disulfiram  
naloxone inj  
naloxone nasal spray  
naltrexone tab  
PARKINSON'S DISEASE  
QL amantadine (tablets only)  
benztropine  
bromocriptine  
carbidopa/levodopa  
carbidopa/levodopa XR  
QL carbidopa/entacapone/  
levodopa  
pramipexole  
ropinirole  
selegiline caps, tabs  
trihexyphenidyl  
SEDATIVE/HYPNOTICS  
QL estazolam

QL temazepam (15/30mg only)  
QL PA triazolam  
QL zolpidem  
QL zaleplon

**COUGH & COLD**

benzonatate  
QL OTC\* dextromethorphan syrup  
QL OTC diphenhydramine  
liquid,capsules  
QL OTC\* guaifenesin syrup  
QL\* guaifenesin w/codeine syrup  
QL\* promethazine w/codeine syrup  
QL\* promethazine w/DM syrup  
QL\* pseudoephedrine syrup,tablets  
QL\* saline spray, drops

**DERMATOLOGY**

ACNE ORAL  
PA claravis  
minocycline IR  
PA myorisan  
tetracycline  
PA zenatane  
ACNE TOPICAL  
PA adapalene cream, gel  
QL OTC benzoyl peroxide  
clindamycin 1% gel, pad, soln  
clindamycin-benzoyl peroxide 1.2-  
5% gel  
erythromycin 2% pad, soln  
metronidazole cream  
\* tretinoin gel (0.01%, 0.025%)  
\* tretinoin gel micro 0.1% tube  
\* tretinoin cream (0.025%,  
0.05%, 0.1%)  
\* tretinoin emollient crm 0.05%  
ANTIBACTERIALS  
OTC chlorhexidine  
mupirocin oint  
silver sulfadiazine

**CORTICOSTEROIDS**

Products are grouped based upon relative potency.

**LOW**

RX/OTC QL hydrocortisone crm, lot, oint

OTC QL hydrocortisone-aloe 1% cr  
**MEDIUM**

QL betamethasone valerate crm

QL fluticasone propionate crm, oint

QL mometasone furoate crm, oint, soln

QL triamcinolone acet crm, oint  
**HIGH**

QL amcinonide oint, lot

QL betamethasone dipr aug crm

QL betamethasone dipr lotion

QL betamethasone valerate oint

QL diflorasone diacetate crm

QL fluocinonide E cream

QL triamcinolone acet crm, oint  
**VERY HIGH**

QL clobetasol E propionate crm

QL clobetasol propionate crm, gel, oint, soln

QL halobetasol propionate crm, oint

**FUNGAL INFECTIONS**

OTC butenafine HCL

QL PA ciclodan 8% sol

QL PA ciclopirox 8% sol

OTC clotrimazole  
ketoconazole

OTC miconazole nitrate  
nystatin

OTC generic terbinafine HCL  
cream  
terbinafine tab

OTC tolnaftate

**SCABIES AND PEDICULOSIS**

QL permethrin 5% cream

QL OTC permethrin 1% rinse

OTC pyrethrins/piperonyl  
butoxide 4%  
spinosad 0.9% topical  
suspension

**VIRAL INFECTIONS**

QL acyclovir ointment

QL docosanol topical  
podofilox

QL OTC salicylic acid 17%

**MISCELLANEOUS**

QL ammonium lactate 12%

QL emollient oint  
(hydrolatum)

QL selen sul shampoo 2.5%

QL ST tacrolimus oint

QL urea crm/gel 40%

**EAR, NOSE & THROAT**

QL acetic acid/aluminum  
acetate

benzocaine/antipyrine

OTC carbamide peroxide 6.5%  
ciprofloxacin 0.2% otic sol  
neomycin/polymyxinB/hc

QL ofloxacin

**ANTIHISTAMINES**

QL azelastine spray 0.1%

QL cyproheptadine (5mg and  
10mg only)

QL OTC diphenhydramine

QL OTC fexofenadine

QL OTC loratadine

**INTRANASAL STEROIDS**

QL OTC fluticasone

QL OTC tiamcinolone

**ELECTROLYTIC AND RENAL AGENTS**

calcium acetate

PA sucroferric oxyhydroxide  
(Velphoro)

**ENDOCRINOLOGY****ANTIDIABETICS****INJECTABLE AGENTS**

ST albiglutide

QL ST liraglutide

**INSULINS**

QL insulin aspart/insulin  
aspart protamine  
(Novolog Mix)

QL insulin glargine (Basaglar  
Kwikpen)

QL insulin glulisine (Apidra)

QL insulin isophane & regular  
(Humulin, Novolin)

QL insulin lispro/insulin lispro  
protamine (Humalog Mix)

**MONITORING STRIPS AND****KITS/DIABETIC SUPPLIES**

QL True Metrix (Trividia)

QL select lancets, select  
syringes and needles

QL True Metrix control sol

QL alcohol prep pads  
(various)

**ORAL AGENTS**

ST empagliflozin

ST empagliflozin/metformin  
glimepiride

glipizide, glipizide ext- rel  
glyburide, glyburide  
micronized

glyburide/metformin

QL ST linagliptin

QL ST linagliptin/metformin

QL ST linagliptin/metformin XR

QL metformin, metformin XR

QL ST nateglinide

QL ST pioglitazone

QL ST pioglitazone/glimepiride

QL ST pioglitazone/metformin

QL ST repaglinide

QL ST simvastatin; sitagliptin

QL ST sitagliptin

QL ST sitagliptin/metformin

QL ST sitagliptin/metformin XR

**HORMONE THERAPY**

PA testosterone cyp inj

PA testosterone enan inj

PA QL testosterone 1% gel

**HUMAN GROWTH HORMONE**

PA somatropin (Zomacton)

**OSTEOPOROSIS/PAGETS**

QL alendronate

**THYROID DISEASE**

QL levothyroxine

levoxyl

liothyronine

nature-throid

np thyroid

unithroid

westhroid

**ANTINEOPLASTIC**

alkeran

cyclophosphamide

etoposide

leukeran

mercaptopurine

octreotide

tabloid

trexall

**GASTROINTESTINAL****DIARRHEA**

diphenoxylate/atropine

OTC QL loperamide (tabs only)

**EMESIS**

OTC meclizine

metoclopramide

QL ondansetron ODT

M prochlorperazine

promethazine

**GERD/HEARTBURN/ULCERS**

OTC QL esomeprazole

OTC RX famotidine oral/inj

OTC QL lansoprazole

\* nizatidine

OTC QL omeprazole

OTC RX ranitidine tabs/caps

**INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE**

balsalazide

QL hydrocortisone

QL mesalamine

QL sulfasalazine

**PANCREATIC ENZYMES**

QL pancrelipase

**RHEUMATOLOGY and  
MUSCULOSKELETAL****MUSCLE RELAXANTS**

QL baclofen

carisoprodol

carisoprodol/ASA

cyclobenzaprine IR (5mg  
and 10mg only)

chlorzoxazone

dantrolene

QL methocarbamol

orphenadrine

QL tizanidine (tablets only)

**NSAIDs**

diclofenac

etodolac,

ibuprofen

indomethacin

ketorolac tromethamine

meloxicam

nabumetone

naproxen sodium

piroxicam

sulindac

MISC. ANTIRHEUMATIC

- azathioprine
- leflunomide
- methotrexate
- sulfasalazine

CHELATING AGENTS (Wilson’s disease)

- penicillamine
- trientine

**OB-GYN**

CONTRACEPTIVES

All generic oral contraceptives are covered

- QL\* EE/norelgestromin
- QL\* EE/norgestimate
- QL\* etonogestrel /EE vag ring

EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTIVES

- ulipristal acetate (Ella)
- levonorgestrel 1.5 mg tab

HORMONE THERAPY/MENOPAUSE

- estradiol tabs
- ethinyl estradiol / norethindrone
- estropipate
- medroxyprogesterone acetate norethindrone

VAGINAL INFECTIONS

- OTC clotrimazole crm
- fluconazole tabs
- metronidazole tabs
- metronidazole vaginal gel

- OTC miconazole
- terconazole

**OPHTHALMIC**

ALLERGY

- QL cromolyn sodium
- QL OTC ketotifen

ANTI-INFLAMMATORIES

- dexamethasone sodium phos

- QL diclofenac 0.1% drops
- fluorometholone 0.1% drops
- flurbiprofen 0.03% drops
- QL neomycin/polymyxinB/HC sol
- dexamethasone drops
- prednisolone acetate 1% drops
- prednisolone sod 1% drops
- sulfacetamide/prednisolone drops
- tobramycin/dexameth opth susp

GLAUCOMA

- QL brimonidine
- QL dorzolamide
- QL dorzolamide/timolol
- QL latanoprost
- QL levobunolol
- QL pilocarpine
- QL timolol
- QL timolol maleate (solution only)

INFECTIONS

- QL bacitracin
- QL bacitracin/polymyxin B oint
- QL ciprofloxacin
- QL erythromycin
- QL gentamicin
- neomycin/polymyxin B/gramicidin
- ofloxacin
- polymyxin B/trimethoprim
- sulfacetamide 10%
- tobramycin
- QL trifluridine

**RESPIRATORY DRUGS**

BETA AGONISTS

- QL albuterol tabs, syrup
- QL albuterol sulfate (Ventolin HFA)
- QL metaproterenol syrup
- QL terbutaline tabs

CORTICOSTEROIDS

- QL flunisolide (Aerospan)
- QL fluticasone furoate ( Arnuity Ellipta)
- ST QL fluticasone/vilanterol (Breo Ellipta)
- ST QL mometasone/formoterol (Dulera)
- QL futicasone HFA/diskus

LEUKOTRIENE MODIFIERS

- QL montelukast
- QL zafirlukast

NEBULIZER INHALATIONS

- QL albuterol soln
- QL \*budesonide susp
- QL cromolyn soln
- QL ipratropium soln
- QL ipratropium/albuterol soln

OTHERS

- QL AL albuterol; ipratropium MDI
- QL ipratropium HFA
- QL tiotropium
- QL umeclidinium/vilanterol (Anoro Ellipta)

PULMONARY ARTERIAL

HYPERTENSTION AGENTS

- PA ambrisentan

SPACER DEVICES

- QL Ace Aerosol Cloud Enhancer
- QL AeroTrach Holding Chamber
- QL Aerovent Plus Holding Chamber
- QL BreatheRite Spacer
- QL BreatheRite Chamber
- QL Compact Space Chamber
- QL Liteaire
- QL Microchamber
- QL Microspacer
- QL Optichamber Diamond
- QL Pocket Chamber
- QL Primeaire Chamber
- QL Prochamber Holding Chamber

- QL Riteflo Spacer
- QL Vortex Holding Chamber
- QL Vortex VHC Frog Child Mask
- QL Vortex VHC Ladybug Toddler
- QL Watchhaler Spacer

**SMOKING DETERRENTS**

- QL bupropion SR
- OTC QL nicotine patch/gum/loz

**UROLOGICAL**

- alfuzosin
- bethanechol
- darifenacin
- doxazosin
- finasteride
- QL oxybutynin, oxybutynin ext-rel
- OTC oxytrol for women
- tamsulosin
- terazosin
- tolterodine, tolterodine ER
- trospium, trospium ER

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- QL epinephrine 0.15 Mg Auto-Inject
- QL epinephrine 0.3 Mg Auto-Inject
- epinephrine 0.1 Mg/ML Syringe
- epinephrine 1 Mg/ML Vial