



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 cream, shampoo

QL nystatin

QL OTC terbinafine

ANTIVIRALS- HEPATITIS C

PA QL elbasvir/grazoprevir
(Zepatier)

PA glecaprevir/pibrentasvir
(Mavyret)

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

jantoven

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 IR, ER

QL pravastatin
QL simvastatin

PCSK-9 INHIBITORS

PA evolocumab

MISCELLANEOUS AGENTS

digoxin tab/soln

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

QL donepezil
QL galantamine HBR
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
QL lidocaine 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 bupropionIR, SR, XL

QL clordiazepoxide
/amitriptyline

QL desipramine

QL doxepin

QL imipramine

QL maprotiline

QL mirtazapine

QL nortriptyline

QL phenelzine

QL protriptyline

QL tranlycypromine

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 lithium solution

*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(InvegaSustenna)

*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

QL * atomoxetine

QL* clonidine ER

QL * dexmethylphenidate

QL * dexmethylphenidate ER

QL * dextroamphetamine, XR

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

OPIOD/ALCOHOL DEPENDANCE

QL acamprosate tab

QL buprenorphine

PA QL buprenorphine/naloxone

SL tabs/film

disulfiram

naloxone inj syr and vials

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

OTC Differin 0.1% gel
erythromycin 2% pad, soln
metronidazole 0.75% cream,
lotion, gel
metronidazole 1% gel, gel
pump

rosadan 0.75% cream, gel

* 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 otic

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 triamcinolone

ELECTROLYTIC AND RENAL AGENTS

PA calcium acetate
sucroferric oxyhydroxide
(Velforo)

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

levoxyll

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, syrup
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
MISC. IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE
cyclosporine
engraf
mycophenolic acid
sirolimus
tacrolimus
CHELATING AGENTS (Wilson's
disease)

PA Depen
PA Syprine

OB-GYN

CONTRACEPTIVES
*All generic oral contraceptives are
covered*
QL* EE/norelgestromin patch
QL* EE/norgestimate
QL* etonogestrel /EE vag ring
Today Contraceptive Sponge
EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTIVES
ulipristal acetate (Ella)
levonorgestrel 1.5 mg tab
HORMONE THERAPY
estradiol tabs
ethinyl estradiol/
norethindrone
estropipatePA
hydroxyprogesterone
PA Makena vial
medroxyprogesterone acetate

norethindrone
YuvaFem vaginal insert
VAGINAL INFECTIONS
clindamycin crm
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
QL neomycin/polymyxinB/HC sol
neomycin/polymyxin/
dexa-methasone oint
prednisolone acetate 1% drops
prednisolone sod 1% drops
sulfacetamide/prednisolone
drops
tobramycin/dexameth ophth
susp
DRY EYE
OTC artificial tears drops/ointment
PA Xiidra 5% (lifitegrast)
GLAUCOMA
betaxolol HCL 0.5%
QL brimonidine
carteolol
QL dorzolamide
QL dorzolamide/timolol
QL latanoprost

QL levobunolol
metipranolol
QL pilocarpine
QL timolol gel-solution
QL timolol maleate (solution only)
INFECTIOUS
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 fucicasone 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
XANTHINES
theophylline ER tabs
theophylline soln/elixir
OTHERS
QL AL albuterol; ipratropium MDI
QL ipratropium HFA
QL tiotropium(Spiriva Respimat)
QL umeclidinium/vilanterol
(Anoro Ellipta)
PULMONARY ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION
AGENTS
PA ambrisentan
SPACER DEVICES
QL Ace Aerosol Cloud Enhancer
QL AeroTrach Holding Chamber
QL Aerovent Plus Holding Chamber
QL Breatherite Spacer
QL Breathrite 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 IR, XL, SR

OTC QL nicotine patch/gum/loz

UROLOGICAL

alfuzosin
bethanechol
darifenacin
doxazosin
finasteride

QL oxybutynin, oxybutynin ext-rel

OTC oxytrol for women patch

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