



Preferred Drug List

Please refer to the Preferred Drug List (PDL) when prescribing for HealthChoice 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. The committee includes practicing physicians and pharmacists from the Amerigroup Community Care 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
- PA QL* ofloxacin
- MACROLIDES
- QL azithromycin
 - QL clarithromycin
 - QL erythromycin (all salt forms)
- PENICILLINS
- QL amoxicillin
 - QL amoxicillin/clavulanate
 - QL ampicillin
 - QL dicloxacillin
 - QL penicillin VK
- SULFONAMIDES
- sulfamethoxazole/

- trimethoprim
- TETRACYCLINES
- doxycycline monohydrate (caps/susp only)
 - minocycline IR
 - tetracycline
- ANTIFUNGALS
- QL clotrimazole troches
 - QL fluconazole
 - QL griseofulvin
 - QL griseofulvin suspension
 - QL ketoconazole
 - QL nystatin
- QL OTC terbinafine
- ANTIVIRALS-HEPATITIS C
- PA QL elbasvir/grazeprevir (Zepatier)
- PA peginterferon alfa 2a
- PA peginterferon alfa 2b
- PA QL sofosbuvir (Sovaldi)
- PA QL sofosbuvir/velpatasvir (Epclusa)
- HIV/AIDS
- Please see Amerigroup formulary for covered agents. Note: all HIV/AIDS agents are carved out for Maryland members.*
- MISCELLANEOUS
- albendazole
 - atovaquone-proguanil
 - clindamycin
 - ethambutol
 - isoniazid
 - ivermectin
 - methenamine
 - QL mefloquine
 - metronidazole tabs
 - neomycin
 - QL nitrofurantoin caps
 - praziquantel
 - pyrazinamide

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
 - jantoven
 - QL rivaroxaban
 - warfarin
- 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 (25/25 mg only)
 - toremide
 - 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
galantamine ER

ANALGESICS

QL codeine/APAP
QL PA fentanyl transdermal
QL PA fentanyl citrate lozenge
QL hydrocodone/acetaminophen
QL hydromorphone
QL meperidine
QL PA methadone
QL morphine tab, soln,
suppository
QL PA 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 application)
QL PA lidocaine topical patch
QL tramadol; tramadol/APAP
ANTICONVULSANTS –
*carved out for the Maryland benefit
with the following exceptions:*
QL ethosuximide
QL phenobarbital
QL phenytoin sod ext-rel
QL phenytoin tabs, chewable
ANTIDEPRESSANTS –
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ANTIPSYCHOTICS –

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ANXIETY –

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ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY
DISORDER –

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Effective July 1, 2009, Amerigroup
will provide coverage for the
following drugs for members 18
years of age and older:

QL PA * clonidine ER

MIGRAINE

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

PARKINSON'S DISEASE

QL amantadine (tablets only)
bromocriptine
carbidopa/levodopa
carbidopa/levodopa XR
QL carbidopa/entacapone
/levodopa
pramipexole
ropinirole
selegiline caps, tabs

SEDATIVE/HYPNOTICS –

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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 OTC* pseudoephedrine syrup,
tablets
QL saline spray, drops

DERMATOLOGY

ACNE ORAL

PA claravis
minocycline IR
PA myorisan
tetracycline

ACNE TOPICAL

PA adapalene gel/cream
QL OTC benzoyl peroxide cm, gel,
liq, lot
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 0.05% emollient crm

ANTIBACTERIALS

OTC chlorhexidine
mupirocin oint
silver sulfadiazine

CORTICOSTEROIDS

*Products are grouped based upon
relative potency.*

LOW

QL RX/OTC 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 ciclofan 8% sol
QL PA ciclopirox 8% sol
OTC clotrimazole
ketoconazole
OTC miconazole nitrate
nystatin
OTC generic terbinafine HCL cr
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
QL OTC diphenhydramine
QL OTC* fexofenadine
QL OTC loratadine

INTRANASAL STEROIDS

QL OTC fluticasone
QL OTC triamcinolone

ELECTROLYTIC AND RENAL AGENTS

calcium acetate
PA sucroferric oxyhydroxide (Velphoro)

ENDOCRINOLOGY

ANTI-DIABETICS

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 TrueMetrix (Trividia)
 QL 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

levoxy
 liothyronine
 nature-throid
 NP thyroid
 unithroid
 westhroid
 ANTINEOPLASTIC
 alkeran
 cyclophosphamide
 etoposide
 leukeran
 mercaptopurine
 QL PA octreotide
 tabloid
 trexall

GASTROINTESTINAL

DIARRHEA
 diphenoxylate/atropine
 OTC QL loperamide (tabs only)
 EMESIS
 OTC meclizine
 metoclopramide
 QL ondansetron ODT
 promethazine
 GERD/HEARTBURN/ULCERS
 OTC QL esomeprazole
 OTC RX famotidine oral/inj
 OTC QL lansoprazole
 * nizatidine
 OTC QL omeprazole
 OTC ranitidine tabs, caps, syr
 INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE
 balsalazide
 QL hydrocortisone
 QL mesalamine ER (Apriso)
 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
 diclofenac ext-rel
 etodolac,
 etodolac ext-rel
 QL fenoprofen
 ibuprofen
 indomethacin
 ketoprofen
 QL ketorolac tromethamine
 QL meclofenamate
 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 patch
 *QL EE/norgestimate
 *QL etonogestrel /EE vag ring

EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTIVES
 ulipristal acetate (Ella)
 levonorgestrel 1.5 mg tab
 HORMONE THERAPY
 estradiol tabs
 ethinyl estradiol/
 norethindrone
 estropipate
 PA hydroxyprogesterone
 PA Makena vial
 medroxyprogesterone acetate
 norethindrone
 Yuvaferm 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/polymixin/dexamethasone oint
 prednisolone acetate1% drops
 prednisolone sod 1% drops
 sulfacetamide/prednisolone drops
 tobramycin/dexamethasone drops
 GLAUCOMA
 QL brimonidine
 QL dorzolamide
 QL dorzolamide/timolol

QL latanoprost
 QL levobunolol
 QL pilocarpine
 QL timolol gel-solution
 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)
 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

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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