



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. Note: 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 QL ledipasvir/sofosbuvir

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
 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

(25/25 mg only)

toremide

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 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, 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 –
carved out for the Maryland benefit
ANTIPSYCHOTICS –

carved out for the Maryland benefit
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
QL PA * guanfacine
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
PA zenatane
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
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 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
MEDIUM
OTC QL hydrocortisone-aloe 1% cr

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
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

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 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
 levoxyl
 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
 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
 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
 *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
 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
 flurbiprofen 0.03% drops
 QL neomycin/polymyxinB/HC sol
 dexamethasone drops
 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
 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

OTHERS

QL AL albuterol; ipratropium MDI
QL ipratropium HFA
QL tiotropium
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
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