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Metformin extended-release

Override(s)	Approval Duration
Prior Authorization Quantity Limit	1 year

*Louisiana Medicaid – See State Specific Mandate

Medications	Comments	Quantity Limit
Metformin extended-release tablets (Generic Glucophage XR)	Preferred	May be subject to quantity limit
Fortamet (metformin extended-release) tablets (Brand and Generic)	Non-Preferred	
Glucophage XR (metformin extended-release) tablets (Brand only)		
Glumetza (metformin extended-release) tablets (Brand and Generic)		

APPROVAL CRITERIA

Requests for metformin extended release (Fortamet, Glucophage XR, Glumetza) may be approved if the following criteria are met:

- I. Individual has had a trial (medication samples/coupons/discount cards are excluded from consideration as a trial) and inadequate response or intolerance to up to three preferred generically available metformin agents, one of which must be an extended-release agent (such as generic Glucophage XR); **AND**
- II. Documentation has been provided.

State Specific Mandates		
State name	Date effective	Mandate details (including specific bill if applicable)
Louisiana	11/15/2017	Louisiana Amendment #9: Members only need to try/fail two products.

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