

# Medicare Part B Step Therapy



The Arkansas Blue Medicare Preferred Drug List encourages utilization of clinically appropriate and lower net cost products within the below therapeutic drug classes. The Preferred Drug List applies to the listed products only and other products may be available under the plan’s medical benefit.

The products on the Preferred Drug List must be used first. An exception process is in place for specific circumstances that may warrant a need for a non-preferred product. For example, this step therapy requirement does not apply to the plan’s members who are actively receiving treatment with non-preferred products.

## 2024 Arkansas Blue Medicare Preferred Drug List

Drug Class	Preferred Product(s)	Non-Preferred Product(s)
Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency	<b>Prolastin-C</b>	Aralast Glassia Zemaira
Antimetabolites	<b>Pemetrexed</b>	Alimta Pemfexy
Autoimmune Infused/Infliximab	<b>Avsola</b> <b>Inflectra</b> <b>Renflexis</b>	Infliximab Remicade
Autoimmune Infused/Other	<b>Entyvio</b> <b>Simponi Aria</b>	Actemra Cimzia Ilumya Orencia Stelara
Avastin/Biosimilars (Oncology)	<b>Mvasi</b> <b>Zirabev</b>	Alymsys Avastin Vegzelma
Botulinum Toxins	<b>Dysport</b> <b>Xeomin</b>	Botox Myobloc
Breast Cancer Mab	<b>Phesgo</b>	Perjeta
Complement Inhibitors (aHUS, gMG, PNH)	<b>Soliris</b> <b>Ultomiris</b>	
Complement Inhibitors (NMOSD)	<b>Soliris</b>	Uplizna

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Hematologic, Erythropiesis - Stimulating Agents (ESA)	<b>Aranesp</b> <b>Procrit</b>	Epogen Mircera Retacrit
Hematologic, Neutropenia, Colony Stimulating Factors - Long Acting	<b>Fulphila</b> <b>Neulasta</b>	Fylnetra Nyvepria Rolvedon Stimufend Udenyca Ziextenzo
Hematologic, Neutropenia, Colony Stimulating Factors - Short Acting	<b>Nivestym</b> <b>Releuko</b> <b>Zarxio</b>	Granix Leukine Neupogen
Hematopoietic Agents - Iron	<b>Ferrlecit</b> <b>Infed</b> <b>Sodium Ferric Gluconate</b> <b>Venofer</b>	Feraheme Injectafer Monoferric
Hemophilia Factor VIII - Recombinant	<b>Kovaltry</b>	Advate Afstyla Kogenate Novoeight Nuwiq Recombinate Xyntha Xyntha Solofuse
Hemophilia Factor IX - Recombinant	<b>Alprolix</b> <b>Idelvion</b>	
Immune Globulin - IV	<b>Flebogamma</b> <b>Gammaked</b> <b>Gamunex-C</b> <b>Octagam</b> <b>Privigen</b>	Asceniv Bivigam Gammagard Liq. Gammaplex Panzyga
Immune Globulin - SC	<b>Hizentra</b>	Cutaquig Cuvitru HyQvia Xembify
Lysosomal Storage Disorders - Gaucher Disease	<b>Cerezyme</b> <b>Elelyso</b>	VPRIV

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Mitotic Inhibitors	<b>Docetaxel</b> <b>Paclitaxel</b>	Abraxane
Multiple Myeloma Proteasome Inhibitors	<b>Bortezomib</b>	Empliciti Kyprolis Sarclisa Velcade
Multiple Sclerosis (Infused)	<b>Ocrevus</b> <b>Tysabri</b>	Briumvi Lemtrada
Osteoarthritis Viscosupplements - Multiinjection	<b>Orthovisc</b> <b>Synvisc</b>	Euflexxa Gelsyn-3 GenVisc Hyalgan Hymovis Supartz FX Triluron TriVisc Visco-3
Osteoarthritis Viscosupplements - Single Injection	<b>Durolane</b> <b>Synvisc-One</b>	Gel-One Monovisc
Osteoporosis - Bone Density	<b>Prolia</b> <b>Zoledronic Acid</b>	Evenity
Osteoporosis - Hypercalcemia of Malignancy	<b>Pamidronate</b> <b>Zoledronic Acid</b>	Xgeva
PD1/L1 Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors - Basal Cell & Squamous cell	<b>Libtayo</b>	Keytruda
PD1/L1 Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors - NSCLC	<b>Libtayo</b>	Imfinzi Keytruda Opdivo Tecentriq
Prostate Cancer - Luteinizing Hormone Releasing Hormone (LHRH) Agents	<b>Eligard</b>	Camcevi Lupron Depot Trelstar Zoladex
Prostate Cancer - Luteinizing Hormone Releasing Hormone (LHRH) Antagonists Agents	<b>Firmagon</b>	

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Retinal Disorders Agents - (ARMD) Age-Related Macular Degeneration	<b>Avastin</b> <b>Byooviz</b> <b>Lucentis</b>	Beovu Cimerli Eylea Susvimo Vabysmo
Rituximab	<b>Ruxience</b> <b>Truxima</b>	Riabni Rituxan Rituxan Hycela
Severe Asthma	<b>Fasenra</b> <b>Xolair</b>	Cinqair Nucala Tezspire
Somatostatin Analogues	<b>Lanreotide Acetate</b> <b>Sandostatin LAR Depot</b>	Signifor LAR Somatuline Depot
Trastuzumab	<b>Kanjinti</b> <b>Ogivri</b> <b>Trazimera</b>	Herceptin Herceptin Hylecta Herzuma Ontruzant



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