

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.

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

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

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

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



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