

# Responsible Steps Program Information\*

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(example for Beconase AQ, select the Nasal Steroids document)

Therapeutic Category	Drugs Included in Program (Target Drug)	Prerequisite Drugs
<b>Allergy</b>		
<b>Nasal Steroids</b>	Beconase AQ, Dymista, Flonase, Nasacort AQ, Nasonex, Omnaris, Qnasl, Ryaltris, Zetonna	Previous use of generic budesonide, fluticasone, mometasone or triamcinolone containing nasal spray
<b>Anti Infectives</b>		
<b>Oral Tetracycline Derivatives</b>	Acticlate, Doryx, Doryx MPC, doxycycline single-source branded products, Doxycycline 40 mg capsule (authorized generic for Oracea) Doxycycline ER 80 mg capsule, Oracea, Targadox, Vibramycin	Previous use of both generic doxycycline <b>AND</b> minocycline capsules or tablets
	Coremino, Minocin, minocycline extended-release (ER), minocycline single-source branded products, Minolira, Solodyn, Ximino	Previous use of both generic doxycycline <b>AND</b> minocycline capsules or tablets  [minocycline ER is <b>NOT</b> a prerequisite]
	Seysara	Previous use of both generic doxycycline <b>AND</b> minocycline capsules or tablets
<b>Anti Rheumatics</b>		
<b>Methotrexate Injection</b>	Otrexup, Rasuvo, Reditrex	Previous use of a generic methotrexate solution for injection
<b>Central Nervous System</b>		
<b>Antidepressants</b>	Aplenzin, Auvelity, Bupropion 450 mg XL (authorized generic for Forfivo XL), Celexa, Desvenlafaxine ER, Effexor XR, Fetzima, Fluoxetine 60 mg, Fluoxetine 90 mg weekly, Forfivo XL, Lexapro, Maprotiline, Paxil, Paxil CR, Pexeva, Pristiq, Prozac, Remeron, Remeron SolTab, Trintellix, Venlafaxine ER 112.5 mg tablet, Viibryd, Wellbutrin SR, Wellbutrin XL, Zoloft	Previous use of a generic version of <b>ANY</b> of the following: bupropion, citalopram, desvenlafaxine succinate ER (generic Pristiq), duloxetine, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, mirtazapine, paroxetine, sertraline, trazadone, venlafaxine, or venlafaxine ER

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Antidepressants	Cymbalta, Drizalma Sprinkle	Previous use of generic bupropion, citalopram, desvenlafaxine ER, duloxetine, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, mirtazapine, paroxetine, sertraline, trazodone, venlafaxine, or venlafaxine ER; <b>OR</b> (if for neuropathic pain) previous use of generic amitriptyline, desipramine, gabapentin, imipramine, or nortriptyline; <b>OR</b> (if for fibromyalgia) previous use of generic amitriptyline, cyclobenzaprine, desipramine, gabapentin, imipramine, nortriptyline, or tramadol; <b>OR</b> (if for chronic musculoskeletal pain) previous use of generic acetaminophen, amitriptyline, cyclobenzaprine, desipramine, gabapentin, imipramine, nortriptyline, NSAID (oral or topical), or tramadol
Atypical Antipsychotics	Abilify, Abilify MyCite, Caplyta, Fanapt, Geodon, Invega, Lybalvi, Quetiapine 150 mg IR tablet, Risperdal, Risperidone 0.25 mg ODT, Saphris, Secuado, Seroquel, Seroquel XR, Symbyax, Versacloz, Zyprexa, Zyprexa Zydis	Previous use of <b>two or more*</b> generic versions of aripiprazole, clozapine, lurasidone, olanzapine, paliperidone, quetiapine, risperidone, or ziprasidone  * Caplyta requires only <b>one</b> generic
Gabapentin Extended-Release (ER)	Gralise, Horizant	Previous use of generic gabapentin
Insomnia Agents	Ambien, Ambien CR, Belsomra, Dayvigo, Edluar, Intermezzo, Lunesta, Quviviq, Rozerem, Silenor, Zolpidem tartrate sublingual tablet, Zolpidem tartrate 7.5 mg capsule, Zolpimist	Previous use of a generic non-benzodiazepine hypnotic such as eszopiclone, zaleplon, or zolpidem IR or ER tablet
Lyrica and Savella	Lyrica, Savella	Previous use* of a generic version of amitriptyline, cyclobenzaprine, desipramine, duloxetine, gabapentin, imipramine, nortriptyline, pregabalin IR, tramadol, or venlafaxine  *Lyrica for treatment of a seizure disorder is excluded from the prerequisite drug requirement
	Lyrica CR and pregabalin ER	Previous use of <b>BOTH</b> a generic version of amitriptyline, desipramine, duloxetine, gabapentin, imipramine, nortriptyline, or venlafaxine <b>AND</b> pregabalin IR

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Heart and Circulatory		
<b>Angiotensin Receptor Blockers (ARB)/Renin Inhibitors</b>	Atacand, Atacand HCT, Avapro, Avalide, Azor, Benicar, Benicar HCT, Cozaar, Diovan, Diovan HCT, Edarbi, Edarbyclor, Exforge, Exforge HCT, Hyzaar, Micardis, Micardis HCT, Telmisartan/Amlodipine, Tribenzor, Twynsta, Valsartan oral solution 20 mg/5 ml	Previous use of <b>ANY</b> of the following generic angiotensin receptor blockers either alone or as a component of a combination product: candesartan, irbesartan, losartan, olmesartan, telmisartan, or valsartan
	Tekturna, Tekturna HCT	Previous use of <b>ANY</b> of the following either alone or as a component of a combination product: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• generic angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor (ACEI) (e.g., benazepril, captopril, lisinopril, quinapril, ramipril)</li> <li>• generic angiotensin receptor blocker (e.g., candesartan, irbesartan, losartan, olmesartan, telmisartan, or valsartan)</li> <li>• generic renin inhibitor (e.g., aliskiren)</li> </ul>
<b>Statins</b>	Altoprev, Atorvaliq oral suspension, Crestor, Ezallor Sprinkle, Ezetimibe/Rosuvastatin (authorized generic for Roszet), Flolipid, Lescol XL, Lipitor, Livalo, Roszet, Vytorin, Zocor, Zypitamag	Previous use of any generic statin or statin combination
Gastrointestinal		
<b>Proton Pump Inhibitors</b>	Aciphex, Aciphex Sprinkle, Dexilant, dexlansoprazole, esomeprazole strontium, Konvomep oral suspension, Nexium, omeprazole/sodium bicarbonate capsule, omeprazole/sodium bicarbonate powder, Prevacid, Prevacid Solutab, Prilosec, Protonix, Rabeprazole (authorized generic for Aciphex sprinkle), Zegerid	Previous use of <b>two or more</b> generic versions of: esomeprazole, lansoprazole, omeprazole, pantoprazole, or rabeprazole  Nexium granules is allowed for children <18 years
Hormones, Diabetes and Related		
<b>Dipeptidyl-Peptidase 4 (DPP4) Inhibitors</b>	Alogliptin (authorized generic for Nesina), Alogliptin/Metformin (authorized generic for Kazano), Alogliptin/Pioglitazone (authorized generic for Oseni), Janumet, Janumet XR, Januvia, Jentadueto, Jentadueto XR, Kazano, Kombiglyze XR, Nesina, Onglyza, Oseni, Tradjenta,	Current or previous use of brand or generic versions of insulin or metformin, alone or part of a combination product
<b>Glucose Monitor</b>	Freestyle Libre and Freestyle Libre 2 Systems (reader and sensor)	Current use of insulin
<b>Insulin Combinations</b>	Soliqua, Xultophy	Current or previous use of brand or generic versions of insulin or metformin, alone or part of a combination product
<b>Sodium-Glucose Co-Transport 2 (SGLT) Inhibitors</b>	Brenzavvy, Glyxambi, Invokamet, Invokamet XR, Invokana, Qtern, Segluromet, Steglatro, Steglujan, Synjardy, Synjardy XR, Trijardy XR, Xigduo XR	Current or previous use of brand or generic versions of insulin or metformin, alone or part of a combination product

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<p><b>Sodium-Glucose Co-Transport 2 (SGLT) Inhibitors</b></p>	<p>Farxiga, Inpefa, Jardiance</p>	<p>Current or previous use of brand or generic versions of insulin, metformin, ACE inhibitor, angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB), angiotensin receptor-neprilysin inhibitor (ANRI) (e.g., Entresto), I<sub>1</sub> channel inhibitor (e.g., Corlanor), aldosterone antagonist, beta blocker, isosorbide dinitrate, or hydralazine alone or part of a combination product</p>
<p><b>Pain Relief</b></p>		
<p><b>Diclofenac Products</b></p>	<p>Cambia, Diclofenac capsule (authorized generic for Zorvolex), diclofenac potassium liquid filled capsule, diclofenac potassium (migraine) packet, Diclofenac 1.3% patch (authorized generic for Flector patch), diclofenac 2% solution, Flector, Licart patch, Pennsaid, Zipsor, Zorvolex</p>	<p>Previous use of one of the following generic oral diclofenac products: diclofenac sodium delayed release 25 mg, 50 mg and 75 mg tablets or diclofenac potassium 50 mg tablet or diclofenac 1.5% topical solution</p>
<p><b>Renal Drugs</b></p>		
<p><b>Phosphate Binders</b></p>	<p>Fosrenol, lanthanum carbonate, Renagel, Renvela, Sevelamer, Velphoro</p>	<p>Previous use of a non-targeted generic phosphate binder such as calcium acetate, calcium carbonate, calcium carbonate-magnesium acetate, or sevelamer carbonate</p>
	<p>Auryxia</p>	<p>Previous use of <b>EITHER</b> an iron supplement, <b>OR</b> a non-targeted generic calcium-containing phosphate binder such as calcium acetate, calcium carbonate, or calcium carbonate-magnesium acetate, or sevelamer carbonate</p>
<p><b>Topical Drugs</b></p>		
<p><b>Atopic Dermatitis Agents</b></p>	<p>Elidel cream, Eucrisa ointment, pimecrolimus cream, Protopic ointment, tacrolimus ointment</p>	<p>Previous use of a topical corticosteroid or topical corticosteroid combination product including but not limited to <b>ANY</b> of the following products: betamethasone, clobetasol, desonide, desoximetasone, fluocinolone, fluocinonide, hydrocortisone, triamcinolone, diflorasone, or mometasone.</p>
<p><b>Topical Corticosteroids</b></p>	<p><u>Super-High Potency (Group 1)</u> Betamethasone dipropionate (augmented) 0.05% gel, Clobex 0.05% lotion/shampoo/spray, Cordran 4 mcg/cm<sup>2</sup> tape, Diprolene 0.05% ointment, Halobetasol 0.05% foam (authorized generic for Lexette foam) Impeklo 0.05% lotion, Lexette 0.05% foam, Olux 0.05% foam, Olux E 0.05% emulsion foam, Temovate 0.05% cream/ointment, Ultravate 0.05% lotion, Vanos 0.1% cream</p>	<p>Previous use of a generic version of <b>ANY</b> of the following: betamethasone dipropionate (augmented) 0.05% gel/lotion/ointment, clobetasol propionate 0.05% cream/foam/gel/lotion/ointment/shampoo/solution/spray, fluocinonide 0.1% cream, halobetasol propionate 0.05% cream/foam/lotion/ointment halobetasol propionate 0.01% lotion</p>

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<b>Topical Corticosteroids</b>	<p><u>High Potency (Group 2)</u> Amcinonide 0.1% ointment, ApexiCon E 0.05% emollient cream, Bryhali 0.01% lotion, Diprolene AF 0.05% cream, Halog 0.1% cream/ointment/solution, Impoz 0.025% cream, Topicort 0.05% gel, Topicort 0.25% cream/ointment/spray</p>	<p>Previous use of a generic version of <b>ANY</b> of the following: betamethasone dipropionate (augmented) 0.05% cream, betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% ointment, clobetasol propionate 0.025% cream, desoximetasone 0.25% cream/ointment/spray, desoximetasone 0.05% gel, diflorasone diacetate 0.05% cream/ointment, fluocinonide 0.05% cream/gel/ointment/solution, halcinonide 0.1% cream/ointment</p>
	<p><u>Medium-High Potency (Group 3)</u> amcinonide 0.1% cream/lotion, Diflorasone 0.05% cream, Luxiq 0.12% foam, Topicort 0.05% cream/ointment</p>	<p>Previous use of a generic version of <b>ANY</b> of the following: betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% cream, betamethasone valerate 0.1% ointment, betamethasone valerate 0.12% foam, desoximetasone 0.05% cream/ointment, diflorasone diacetate 0.05% cream, fluocinonide 0.05% emulsified base cream, fluticasone 0.005% propionate ointment, mometasone furoate 0.1% ointment, triamcinolone acetonide 0.5% cream/ointment</p>
	<p><u>Medium Potency (Group 4)</u> Cloderm 0.1% cream, Cordran 0.05% ointment, Kenalog 0.147 mg/gm spray, Sernivo 0.05% spray, Synalar 0.025% ointment</p>	<p>Previous use of a generic version of <b>ANY</b> of the following: betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% spray, fluocinolone acetonide 0.025% ointment, fluocinolone acetonide 0.1% cream, flurandrenolide 0.05% ointment, hydrocortisone valerate 0.2% ointment, mometasone furoate 0.1% cream/lotion/solution, triamcinolone acetonide 0.147 mg/g spray, triamcinolone acetonide 0.1% cream/ointment triamcinolone acetonide 0.05% ointment</p>
	<p><u>Lower-Mid Potency (Group 5)</u> Cordran 0.025% cream, Cordran 0.05% cream/lotion, Cutivate 0.05% lotion, HC Butyrate 0.1% solution/cream, Locoid 0.1% lotion, Locoid Lipocream 0.1% cream, Pandel 0.1% cream, Prednicarbate 0.1% ointment, Synalar 0.025% cream</p>	<p>Previous use of a generic version of <b>ANY</b> of the following: betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% lotion, betamethasone valerate 0.1% cream, desonide 0.05% gel/ointment, fluocinolone acetonide 0.025% cream, flurandrenolide 0.025% cream, flurandrenolide 0.05% cream/lotion, fluticasone propionate 0.05% cream/lotion, hydrocortisone butyrate 0.1% cream/lotion/ointment/solution, hydrocortisone probutate 0.1% cream, hydrocortisone valerate 0.2% cream, triamcinolone acetonide 0.1% lotion, triamcinolone acetonide 0.025% ointment</p>

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<b>Topical Corticosteroids</b>	<p><u>Low Potency (Group 6)</u>            Capex 0.01% shampoo,            Derma-Smoothe 0.01% body oil/scalp oil,            DesOwen 0.05% cream,            Synalar 0.1% solution,            Tridesilon 0.05% cream,            Verdeso 0.05% foam</p>	<p>Previous use of a generic version of <b>ANY</b> of the following:            alclometasone dipropionate 0.05% cream/ointment,            betamethasone valerate 0.1% lotion,            desonide 0.05% cream/foam/lotion,            fluocinolone acetonide 0.01% cream/oil/shampoo/solution,            triamcinolone acetonide 0.025% cream/lotion</p>
	<p><u>Lowest Potency (Group 7)</u>            Ala Scalp 2% lotion,            Texacort 2.5% solution</p>	<p>Previous use of a generic version of <b>ANY</b> of the following:            hydrocortisone 0.5% to 2.5%,            hydrocortisone acetate 0.5% to 2.5%</p>

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