

Responsible Steps Program Information*

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Allergy		
Nasal Steroids	Beconase AQ, Dymista, Flonase, Nasacort AQ, Nasonex, Omnaris, Qnasl, Rhinocort Aqua, Xhance, Zetonna	Previous use of generic budesonide, fluticasone, mometasone or triamcinolone containing nasal spray
Anti-Infectives		
Oral Tetracycline Derivatives	Acticlate, Doryx, Doryx MPC, doxycycline monohydrate, doxycycline single-source branded products, doxycycline ER 80 mg capsule, Monodox, Oracea, Targadox, Vibramycin	Previous use of both generic doxycycline AND minocycline capsules or tablets
	Minocin, minocycline extended-release (ER), minocycline single-source branded products, Minolira, Solodyn, Ximino	Previous use of both generic doxycycline AND minocycline capsules or tablets [minocycline ER is NOT a prerequisite]
	Seysara	Previous use of both generic doxycycline AND minocycline capsules or tablets
Anti-Rheumatics		
Methotrexate Injection	Otrexup, Rasuvo	Previous use of a generic methotrexate solution for injection
Central Nervous System		
Antidepressants	Aplenzin, Celexa, desvenlafaxine ER (generic Khedezla), Effexor, Effexor XR, Fetzima, fluoxetine 60 mg, fluvoxamine ER, Forfivo XL, Khedezla, Lexapro, maprotiline, Oleptro, Paxil, Paxil CR, Pexeva, Pristiq, Prozac, Prozac Weekly, Remeron, Remeron SolTab, Trintellix, venlafaxine ER brands, Viibryd, Wellbutrin, Wellbutrin SR, Wellbutrin XL, Zoloft	Previous use of a generic version of ANY of the following: bupropion, citalopram, desvenlafaxine succinate ER (generic Pristiq), duloxetine, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, mirtazapine, paroxetine, sertraline, trazadone, venlafaxine, or venlafaxine ER
	Cymbalta, Drizalma Sprinkle	Previous use of generic bupropion, citalopram, desvenlafaxine ER, duloxetine, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, mirtazapine, paroxetine, sertraline, trazodone, venlafaxine, or venlafaxine ER;

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		OR (if for neuropathic pain) previous use of generic amitriptyline, desipramine, gabapentin, imipramine, or nortriptyline; OR (if for fibromyalgia) previous use of generic amitriptyline, cyclobenzaprine, desipramine, gabapentin, imipramine, nortriptyline, or tramadol; OR (if for chronic musculoskeletal pain) previous use of generic acetaminophen, amitriptyline, cyclobenzaprine, desipramine, gabapentin, imipramine, nortriptyline, NSAID (oral or topical), or tramadol
Antidepressants	Irenka	Previous use of generic bupropion, citalopram, desvenlafaxine ER, duloxetine, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, mirtazapine, paroxetine, sertraline, trazodone, venlafaxine, or venlafaxine ER; OR (if for neuropathic pain) previous use of generic amitriptyline, desipramine, gabapentin, imipramine, or nortriptyline; OR (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 Discmelt, Abilify MyCite, aripiprazole ODT, Caplyta, clozapine ODT, Clozaril, Fanapt, FazaClo, Geodon, Invega, Latuda, Rexulti, Risperdal, Risperdal M-Tab, Saphris, Secuado, Seroquel, Seroquel XR, Versacloz, Vraylar, Zyprexa, Zyprexa Zydis	Previous use of two or more* generic versions of aripiprazole, clozapine, olanzapine, paliperidone, quetiapine, risperidone, or ziprasidone *Latuda for the treatment of bipolar depression is an exception. For this indication only, the prerequisite drug is limited to either generic quetiapine OR olanzapine.
Fibromyalgia Agents	Lyrica, Savella	Previous use* of a generic version of amitriptyline, cyclobenzaprine, desipramine, duloxetine, gabapentin, imipramine, nortriptyline, tramadol, or venlafaxine *Lyrica for treatment of a seizure disorder is excluded from the prerequisite drug requirement
Gabapentin Extended-Release (ER)	Gralise, Horizant	Previous use of generic gabapentin
Insomnia Agents	Ambien, Ambien CR, Belsomra, Edluar, Intermezzo, Lunesta, Rozerem, Silenor, Sonata, Zolpimist	Previous use of a generic non-benzodiazepine hypnotic such as eszopiclone, zaleplon, or zolpidem
Eye (Ophthalmic)		
Antiglaucoma Agents	Rhopressa, Rocklatan	

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(Rho Kinase Inhibitors)		Previous use of a generic ophthalmic prostaglandin (e.g., latanoprost eye drops)
Heart and Circulatory		
Angiotensin Receptor Blockers (ARB)/Renin Inhibitors	Atacand, Atacand HCT, Avapro, Avalide, Azor, Benicar, Benicar HCT, Byvalson, Cozaar, Diovan, Diovan HCT, Edarbi, Edarbyclor, Exforge, Exforge HCT, Hyzaar, Micardis, Micardis HCT, Teveten, Tribenzor, Twynsta	Previous use of ANY of the following generic angiotensin receptor blockers either alone or as a component of a combination product: candesartan, eprosartan, irbesartan, losartan, olmesartan, telmisartan, or valsartan
	Tekturna, Tekturna HCT	Previous use of ANY of the following either alone or as a component of a combination product: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • generic angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor (ACEI) (e.g., benazepril, captopril, lisinopril, quinapril, ramipril) • generic angiotensin receptor blocker (e.g., candesartan, eprosartan, irbesartan, losartan, olmesartan, telmisartan, or valsartan) • generic renin inhibitor (e.g., aliskiren)
Fibrates	Antara, fenofibric acid, Fenoglide, Fibricor, Lipofen, Lofibra, TriCor, Triglide, Trilipix	Previous use of generic fenofibrate or fenofibrate micronized
Gastrointestinal		
Proton Pump Inhibitors	Aciphex, Aciphex Sprinkle, Dexilant, esomeprazole strontium, Nexium, omeprazole/sodium bicarbonate, Prevacid, Prevacid Solutab, Prilosec, Protonix, Zegerid	Previous use of two or more generic versions of: esomeprazole, lansoprazole, omeprazole, pantoprazole, or rabeprazole Nexium granules is allowed for children <18 years
Hormones, Diabetes and Related		
Dipeptidyl-Peptidase 4 (DPP4) Inhibitors	Glyxambi, Januvia, Janumet, Janumet XR, Jentadueto, Jentadueto XR, Kazano, Kombiglyze XR, Nesina, Onglyza, Oseni, Qtern, Steglujan, Tradjenta, Trijardy XR	Current or previous use of brand or generic versions of insulin, metformin, chlorpropamide, glimepiride, glipizide, or glyburide alone or part of a combination product

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Glucagon-Like Peptide 1 (GLP-1) Agonists	Adlyxin, Bydureon, Bydureon BCise, Byetta, Ozempic, Rybelsus, Tanzeum, Trulicity, Victoza	Current or previous use of brand or generic versions of insulin, metformin, chlorpropamide, glimepiride, glipizide, or glyburide alone or part of a combination product
Glucose Monitor	Freestyle Libre and Freestyle Libre 2 Systems (reader and sensor)	Current use of rapid- or short-acting insulin
Insulin Combinations	Soliqua, Xultophy	Current or previous use of brand or generic versions of insulin, metformin, chlorpropamide, glimepiride, glipizide, or glyburide alone or part of a combination product
Sodium-Glucose Co-Transport 2 (SGLT-2) Inhibitors	Invokamet, Invokamet XR, Invokana, Jardiance, Segluromet, Steglatro, Synjardy, Synjardy XR, Xigduo XR	Current or previous use of brand or generic versions of insulin, metformin, chlorpropamide, glimepiride, glipizide, or glyburide alone or part of a combination product
	Farxiga	Current or previous use of brand or generic versions of insulin, metformin, chlorpropamide, glimepiride, glipizide, glyburide, ACE inhibitor, angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB), angiotensin receptor-neprilysin inhibitor (ANRI) (e.g., Entresto), 1 α channel inhibitor (e.g., Corlanor), aldosterone antagonist, beta blocker, isosorbide dinitrate, or hydralazine alone or part of a combination product
Pain Relief		
Diclofenac Products	Cambia, diclofenac sodium 1.5% topical solution, Flector, Licart patch, Pennsaid, Zipsor, Zorvolex	All oral brands: Previous use of generic oral diclofenac Solaraze only: previous use of BOTH generic fluorouracil cream AND imiquimod cream
Gout Agents (Xanthine Oxidase Inhibitors)	Uloric	Previous use of generic allopurinol 300 mg
Renal Drugs		

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Phosphate Binders	Fosrenol, lanthanum carbonate, Renagel, Renvela, Velphoro	Previous use of a non-targeted generic phosphate binder such as calcium acetate, calcium carbonate, calcium carbonate-magnesium acetate, or sevelamer carbonate
	Auryxia	Previous use of EITHER an iron supplement, OR a non-targeted generic calcium-containing phosphate binder such as calcium acetate, calcium carbonate, or calcium carbonate-magnesium acetate, or sevelamer carbonate
Topical Drugs		
Atopic Dermatitis Agents	Elidel, Eucrisa, pimecrolimus cream, Protopic, tacrolimus ointment	Previous use of a topical corticosteroid or topical corticosteroid combination product including but not limited to ANY of the following products: betamethasone, clobetasol, desonide, desoximetasone, fluocinolone, fluocinonide, hydrocortisone, triamcinolone, diflorasone, or mometasone.
Topical Corticosteroids	<p><u>Super-High Potency (Group 1)</u> betamethasone dipropionate (augmented) 0.05% lotion*, Bryhali 0.01% lotion, clobetasol propionate 0.05% gel* Clobex 0.05% lotion/shampoo/spray, Cordran 4 mcg/cm² tape, Diprolene 0.05% gel/ointment, Lexette 0.05% foam, Olux 0.05% foam, Olux E 0.05% emulsion foam, Temovate 0.05% cream/ointment/solution, Temovate E 0.05% emollient cream, Ultravate 0.05% cream/lotion /ointment, Vanos 0.1% cream</p> <p><i>*Authorized generic (aka, branded generic) version only</i></p>	Previous use of a generic version of ANY 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, flurandrenolide 4 mcg/cm ² tape, halobetasol propionate 0.05% cream/foam/lotion/ointment
	<p><u>High Potency (Group 2)</u> amcinonide 0.1% ointment*, ApexiCon E 0.05% emollient cream, betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% ointment*, diflorasone diacetate 0.05% ointment*, Diprolene AF 0.05% cream, fluocinonide 0.05% cream*/gel*/ointment*/solution*, Halog 0.1% cream/ointment, Impoyz 0.025% cream, Topicort 0.05% gel,</p>	Previous use of a generic version of ANY of the following: amcinonide 0.1% ointment, 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,

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	<p><u>Medium-High Potency (Group 3)</u> amcinonide 0.1% cream*/lotion*, betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% cream*, betamethasone valerate 0.1% ointment*, fluocinonide 0.05% emulsified base cream*, fluticasone 0.005% propionate ointment*, Luxiq 0.12% foam, Psorcon 0.05% cream, Topicort 0.05% cream/ointment, triamcinolone acetonide 0.5% cream*/ointment*</p> <p><i>*Authorized generic (aka, branded generic) version only</i></p>	<p>Previous use of a generic version of ANY of the following: amcinonide 0.1% cream/lotion, 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, Elocon 0.1% cream, hydrocortisone valerate 0.2% ointment*, Kenalog 0.147 mg/gm spray, mometasone furoate 0.1% lotion*/solution*, Sernivo 0.05% spray, Synalar 0.025% ointment, triamcinolone acetonide 0.1% cream*/ointment*, Westcort 0.2% ointment</p> <p><i>*Authorized generic (aka, branded generic) version only</i></p>	<p>Previous use of a generic version of ANY 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</p>

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	<p><u>Lower-Mid Potency (Group 5)</u> betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% lotion*, betamethasone valerate 0.1% cream*, Cordran 0.025% cream, Cordran 0.05% cream/lotion, Cutivate 0.05% lotion , Desonate 0.05% gel, desonide 0.05% ointment*, fluticasone propionate 0.05% cream*, hydrocortisone butyrate 0.1% ointment*, hydrocortisone valerate 0.2% cream*, Locoid 0.1% cream/lotion/solution, Locoid Lipocream 0.1% cream, Pandel 0.025% cream, prednicarbate 0.1% cream*/ointment*, Synalar 0.025% cream, triamcinolone acetonide 0.1% lotion*, triamcinolone acetonide 0.025% ointment*, Trianex 0.05% ointment</p> <p><i>*Authorized generic (aka, branded generic) version only</i></p>	<p>Previous use of a generic version of ANY of the following: betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% lotion, betamethasone valerate 0.1% cream, desonide 0.05% gel/ointment, flucinolone 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, prednicarbate 0.1% cream/ointment, triamcinolone acetonide 0.1% lotion, triamcinolone acetonide 0.025% ointment, triamcinolone acetonide 0.05% ointment</p>
	<p><u>Low Potency (Group 6)</u> alclometasone dipropionate 0.05% cream*/ointment*, betamethasone valerate 0.1% lotion*, Capex 0.01% shampoo, Derma-Smoothe 0.01% body oil/scalp oil, desonide 0.05% lotion* DesOwen 0.05% cream, flucinolone acetonide 0.01% cream*, Synalar 0.1% solution, triamcinolone acetonide 0.025% cream*/lotion*, Tridesilon 0.05% cream, Verdeso 0.05% foam</p> <p><i>*Authorized generic (aka, branded generic) version only</i></p>	<p>Previous use of a generic version of ANY of the following: alclometasone dipropionate 0.05% cream/ointment, betamethasone valerate 0.1% lotion, desonide 0.05% cream/foam/lotion, flucinolone 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, Micort-HC 2.5% cream, Texacort 2.5% solution</p>	<p>Previous use of a generic version of ANY of the following: hydrocortisone 0.5% to 2.5%, hydrocortisone acetate 0.5% to 2.5%</p>

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