

Medicare formulary changes

Effective Jan. 1, 2023

Drug	Common Use	Change Type	Preferred Alternative(s)
Vyvanse	ADHD	Removed	methylphenidate ER, dexamethylphenidate ER, amphetamine/dextroamphetamine ER
ProAir Respiclick	Asthma	Removed	albuterol HFA, Ventolin HFA, levalbuterol HFA
Tudorza	COPD	Removed	Spiriva, Incruse Ellipta
Duloxetine 40 mg DR capsule	Depression	Removed	duloxetine DR capsule (generic Cymbalta), venlafaxine, desvenlafaxine succinate ER
OxyContin oxycodone ER	Pain (opioid)	Removed	buprenorphine patch, fentanyl patch, methadone, morphine ER tablet, oxymorphone ER, hydromorphone ER, and tramadol ER
Apo-varenicline	Smoking Cessation	Removed	varenicline, bupropion ER, Nicotrol NS, Nicotrol
Apidra	Diabetes	Removed	Humalog, Lyumjev
Fiasp	Diabetes	Removed	Humalog, Lyumjev
Steglatro, Segluromet	Diabetes	Removed	Jardiance, Farxiga, Synjardy, Xigduo
Cequa	Dry eyes	Removed	Restasis

Eysuvis	Dry eyes	Removed	Ioteprednol, Restasis
Verquvo	Heart Failure	Removed	Entresto
Flurazepam	Insomnia	Removed	temazepam 15 mg and 30 mg capsule
Lupkynis	Lupus nephritis	Removed	Benlysta
Glassia	Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency	Removed	Prolastin-C, Aralast NP, Zemaira
Savaysa	Atrial fibrillation	Removed	Xarelto, Eliquis, Pradaxa, warfarin
Tekturna HCT	Blood pressure	Removed	aliskiren
Veltassa	Chronic kidney disease	Removed	Lokelma, Kionex, SPS
Cyclafem 1/35, Cyclafem 7/7/7, Tri-Previfem 28 day	Contraception	Removed	multiple alternatives (e.g., Nortrel, Tri-Sprintec, etc.)
Procysbi	Cystinosis	Removed	None
Zeposia, Kesimpta, Mavenclad	Multiple sclerosis	Removed	Aubagio, Mayzent, Gilenya, glatiramer, Glatopa, dimethyl fumarate, Rebif, Avonex, Betaseron
Reyvow	Migraines	Removed	Ubrelvy, triptans
Xywav	Narcolepsy	Removed	Xyrem, modafinil, armodafinil
Pancreaze, Viokace	Pancreatic insufficiency	Removed	Creon, Zenpep
Lybalvi	Schizophrenia	Removed	olanzapine, aripiprazole, ziprasidone

Siklos	Sickle cell disease	Removed	hydroxyurea
Aranesp, Epogen	Anemia	Removed	Procrit
Xerese	Cold sores	Removed	acyclovir tablet, famciclovir tablet
Adlyxin, Qtern, Stegulan	Diabetes	Removed	Byetta, Trulicity, Glyxambi, Trijardy
Blephamide suspension 10.2%	Eye infection	Removed	Blephamide S.O.P., sulfacetamide-prednisolone solution
Panzyga, Bivigam	Immune disorder (IVIG)	Removed	Gammagard, Gammagard S/D, Gamunex-C
Dihydroergotamine nasal spray	Migraines	Removed	Ubrelvy, triptans
Azathioprine 75mg, Azathioprine 100mg, Azasan 75mg, Azasan 100mg	Transplant	Removed	azathioprine 50 mg
Alprazolam tablet	Anxiety	Tier increase to 2	No lower tier alternative
Lorazepam tablet	Anxiety	Tier increase to 2	No lower tier alternative
Diazepam tablet	Anxiety	Tier increase to 2	No lower tier alternative
Clonazepam tablet	Anxiety	Tier increase to 2	No lower tier alternative
Temazepam 15 mg, 30 mg capsule	Anxiety	Tier increase to 2	Trazodone 50 mg and 100mg tablet

Chlordiazepoxide capsule	Anxiety	Tier increase to 2	No lower tier alternative
Diltiazem 30 mg tablet	Blood pressure	Tier increase to 2	Verapamil tablet, amlodipine tablet
Indapamide	Blood pressure	Tier increase to 2	Hydrochlorothiazide tablet
Trazodone 300 mg tablet	Depression	Tier increase to 4	Trazodone 150mg tablet, sertraline tablet
Bupirone 5 mg tablet	Depression	Tier increase to 2	No lower tier alternative
Bumetanide tablet	Edema	Tier increase to 2	Furosemide tablet, torsemide tablet
Medroxyprogesterone tablet	Hormone therapy	Tier increase to 2	No lower tier alternative
Dexamethasone 0.5 mg, 0.75 mg, 4 mg tablet	Infection	Tier increase to 2	Prednisone tablet
Prednisone therapy pack	Infection	Tier increase to 2	Prednisone tablet
Tetracycline	Infection	Tier increase to 4	doxycycline hyclate capsule, minocycline capsule, doxycycline monohydrate 100mg capsule
Dicyclomine capsule and tablet	Irritable bowel syndrome	Tier increase to 2	No lower tier alternative
Prochlorperazine maleate tablet	Nausea	Tier increase to 2	No lower tier alternative

Haloperidol tablet	Schizophrenia	Tier increase to 2	No lower tier alternative
lamotrigine tablet 100, 150, 200 mg	Seizure	Tier increase to 2	No lower tier alternative
Primidone tablet	Seizure	Tier increase to 2	No lower tier alternative
Citalopram oral solution	Depression	Tier increase to 4	Citalopram hydrobromide tablet, sertraline tablet, escitalopram oxalate tablet
Sertraline oral solution	Depression	Tier increase to 4	Sertraline tablet, fluoxetine capsule, paroxetine tablet
Fluoxetine oral solution	Depression	Tier increase to 4	Fluoxetine capsule, sertraline tablet, paroxetine tablet
Prednisone Intensol	Infection	Tier increase to 4	Prednisolone 15mg/5mL solution, prednisone tablet
Prednisolone oral solution	Infection	Tier increase to 4	Prednisolone 15mg/5mL solution, prednisone tablet
Isoniazid	Infection	Tier increase to 2	No lower tier alternative
Ciprofloxacin 100 mg tablet	Infection	Tier increase to 4	Ciprofloxacin 250mg tablet, ciprofloxacin 500mg tablet
Dexamethasone intensol	Infection	Tier increase to 4	Prednisone tablet
Prochlorperazine suppository	Nausea	Tier increase to 4	Promethazine 25mg suppository, promethazine 12.5mg suppository
Diazepam rectal	Seizure	Tier increase to 4	No lower tier alternative

Protected Class Drugs- formulary removals

Non-formulary drugs that are part of Protected Classes will be removed from coverage starting Jan. 1, 2023. Many of these are brand drugs where generic equivalents are covered or certain high-cost formulations with lower cost alternatives.

ABILIFY TABLET	INTELENCE TABLET	PAMELOR CAPSULE	SUBVENITE TAB START KT
BUPROPION HCL XL 450 MG TABLET	KLONOPIN TABLET	PAXIL SUSPENSION	SUSTIVA TABLET
CELEXA TABLET	LAMICTAL TABLET	PAXIL TABLET	TOPAMAX TABLET
CHLORDIAZEPO-AMITRIPTYLINE	LAMICTAL ODT TABLET	PAXIL CR TABLET	TOPIRAMATE ER CAPSULE
CITALOPRAM HBR 30 MG CAPSULE	LAMICTAL XR TABLET	PRISTIQ ER TABLET	TRAZODONE 100 MG TABLET
CLOZARIL TABLET	LEXAPRO TABLET	PROCHLORPERAZINE VL	TRAZODONE 50 MG TABLET
CYMBALTA CAPSULE	LORAZEPAM VIAL	PROGRAF CAPSULE	TRILEPTAL SUSP
DEPAKOTE DR SPRINKLE CP	LYRICA CAPSULE	PROZAC PULVULE	TROKENDI XR CAPSULE
DEPAKOTE DR TABLET	MILLIPRED TABLET	RAYOS DR TABLET	TRUVADA TABLET
DEPAKOTE ER TABLET	NEORAL CAPSULE	REMERON TABLET	VALIUM TABLET
DESVENLAFAXINE ER TAB	NEURONTIN TABLET	SAPHRIS TAB SUBLINGUAL	VIMPAT SOLUTION
EFFEXOR XR CAPSULE	OLANZAPINE-FLUOXETINE	SELZENTRY TABLET	VIMPAT TABLET
EMTRIVA CAPSULE	ONFI TABLET	SEROQUEL TABLET	WELLBUTRIN SR TABLET
EPZICOM TABLET	OXTELLAR XR TABLET	SEROQUEL XR TABLET	WELLBUTRIN XL TABLET
FLUOXETINE HCL TABLET		SERTRALINE 150 MG CAPSULE	ZOLOFT TABLET
FORFIVO XL 450 MG TABLET		SERTRALINE 200 MG CAPSULE	ZONEGRAN CAPSULE
GEODON CAPSULE		SERTRALINE HCL 100 MG TABLET	ZORTRESS TABLET
IMURAN 50 MG TABLET		SUBVENITE TABLET	ZYPREXA TABLET