

### Pharmacy Program Quarterly Update Changes Effective April 1, 2025 – Part 1

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require member notification – drug list revisions/exclusions, dispensing limits, utilization-management changes and general information on pharmacy benefit program updates. Our members receive letters regarding these changes. The part 2 article includes updates that do not require member notification. These changes will be published closer to the April 1, 2025, effective date.

### **Drug List Changes**

Based on the availability of new prescription medications and Prime's National Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee's review of changes in the pharmaceuticals market, some revisions (drugs still covered but moved to a higher out-of-pocket payment level) and/or exclusions (drugs no longer covered) will be made to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas drug lists, effective on or after April 1, 2025.

The April Quarterly Pharmacy Changes - Part 2, which has recent coverage additions, will be published closer to that April 1 effective date.

Your patient(s) may ask you about therapeutic or lower cost alternatives if their medication is affected by one of these changes.

**Drug-list changes are listed on the charts below**, or you can view the April 2025 drug lists on the member website.

**Please note:** The drug list changes below do not apply to members on the Basic Annual, Multi-Tier Basic Annual, Enhanced Annual, Multi-Tier Enhanced Annual or Performance Annual Drug Lists. These revisions and/or exclusions will be applied on or after Jan. 1, 2026.

**Please note:** The drug list changes listed below apply only to TX ASO members who have moved to quarterly updates. Members on the Basic Annual, Multi-Tier Basic Annual, Enhanced Annual, Multi-Tier Enhanced Annual or Performance Annual Drug Lists will not have the revisions and/or exclusions applied until on or after Jan. 1, 2026.

BALANCED DRUG LIST EXCLUSIONS			
DRUG <sup>1</sup>	ALTERNATIVE	CONDITION	
LUCEMYRA (lofexidine hcl tab 0.18 mg (base equivalent))	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Opioid withdrawal	
ORACEA (doxycycline (rosacea) cap delayed release 40 mg)	doxycycline hyclate tab 20 mg, doxycycline monohydrate tab 50 mg, doxycycline monohydrate cap 50 mg	Rosacea	
OXTELLAR XR (oxcarbazepine tab er 24 hr 150 mg, 300 mg, 600 mg)	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Seizures	

### Drug List Exclusions and Revisions – Effective April 1, 2025

BALANCED DRUG LIST EXCLUSIONS			
DRUG <sup>1</sup>	ALTERNATIVE	CONDITION	
PREVIDENT RINSE (sodium fluoride rinse 0.2%)	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Tooth decay prevention	
promethazine & phenylephrine syrup 6.25-5 mg/5 mL	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Upper Respiratory Symptoms	
PROMETHAZINE VC/CODEINE (promethazine- phenylephrine-codeine syrup 6.25-5-10 mg/5 mL)	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Cough, Upper Respiratory Symptoms	
promethazine-phenylephrine-codeine syrup 6.25-5-10 mg/5 mL	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Cough, Upper Respiratory Symptoms	
SPRYCEL (dasatinib tab 20 mg, 50 mg, 70 mg, 80 mg, 100 mg, 140 mg)	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Cancer	
STENDRA (avanafil tab 50 mg, 100 mg, 200 mg)	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Erectile dysfunction	
TAZORAC (tazarotene cream 0.05%)	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Plaque Psoriasis	
ZIEXTENZO (pegfilgrastim-bmez soln prefilled syringe 6 mg/0.6 mL)	FULPHILA, NYVEPRIA	Neutropenia, acute hematopoietic radiation injury syndrome	

PERFORMANCE AND PERFORMANCE ANNUAL DRUG LIST EXCLUSIONS			
DRUG <sup>1</sup>	ALTERNATIVE	CONDITION	
LUCEMYRA (lofexidine hcl tab 0.18 mg (base equivalent))	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Opioid withdrawal	
PREVIDENT RINSE (sodium fluoride rinse 0.2%)	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Tooth decay prevention	
promethazine & phenylephrine syrup 6.25-5 mg/5 mL	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Upper Respiratory Symptoms	
PROMETHAZINE VC/CODEINE (promethazine- phenylephrine-codeine syrup 6.25-5-10 mg/5 mL)	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Cough, Upper Respiratory Symptoms	
promethazine-phenylephrine-codeine syrup 6.25-5-10 mg/5 mL	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Cough, Upper Respiratory Symptoms	
SAJAZIR (icatibant acetate subcutaneous soln pref syr 30 mg/3 mL)	icatibant acetate subcutaneous soln pref syr 30 mg/3 mL	Hereditary angioedema	
SPRYCEL (dasatinib tab 20 mg, 50 mg, 70 mg, 80 mg, 100 mg, 140 mg)	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Cancer	
STENDRA (avanafil tab 50 mg, 100 mg, 200 mg)	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Erectile dysfunction	
TAZORAC (tazarotene cream 0.05%)	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Plaque Psoriasis	

PERFORMANCE AND PERFORMANCE ANNUAL DRUG LIST EXCLUSIONS			
DRUG <sup>1</sup>	ALTERNATIVE	CONDITION	
ZIEXTENZO (pegfilgrastim-bmez soln prefilled syringe 6 mg/0.6 mL)	FULPHILA, NYVEPRIA	Neutropenia, acute hematopoietic radiation injury syndrome	

PERFORMANCE SELECT DRUG LIST EXCLUSIONS			
DRUG <sup>1</sup>	ALTERNATIVE	CONDITION	
doxycycline (rosacea) cap delayed release 40 mg	doxycycline hyclate tab 20 mg, doxycycline monohydrate tab 50mg, doxycycline monohydrate cap 50mg	Rosacea	
LUCEMYRA (lofexidine hcl tab 0.18 mg (base equivalent))	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Opioid withdrawal	
ORACEA (doxycycline (rosacea) cap delayed release 40 mg)	doxycycline hyclate tab 20mg, doxycycline monohydrate tab 50 mg, doxycycline monohydrate cap 50 mg	Rosacea	
OXTELLAR XR (oxcarbazepine tab er 24 hr 150 mg, 300 mg, 600 mg)	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Seizures	
PREVIDENT RINSE (sodium fluoride rinse 0.2%)	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Tooth decay prevention	
promethazine & phenylephrine syrup 6.25-5 mg/5 mL	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Upper Respiratory Symptoms	
PROMETHAZINE VC/CODEINE (promethazine- phenylephrine-codeine syrup 6.25-5-10 mg/5 mL)	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Cough, Upper Respiratory Symptoms	
promethazine-phenylephrine-codeine syrup 6.25-5-10 mg/5 mL	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Cough, Upper Respiratory Symptoms	

PERFORMANCE SELECT DRUG LIST EXCLUSIONS			
DRUG <sup>1</sup>	ALTERNATIVE	CONDITION	
SAJAZIR (icatibant acetate subcutaneous soln pref syr 30 mg/3 mL)	icatibant acetate subcutaneous soln pref syr 30 mg/3 mL	Hereditary angioedema	
SPRYCEL (dasatinib tab 20 mg, 50 mg, 70 mg, 80 mg, 100 mg, 140 mg)	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Cancer	
STENDRA (avanafil tab 50 mg, 100 mg, 200 mg)	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Erectile dysfunction	
TAZORAC (tazarotene cream 0.05%)	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Plaque Psoriasis	
ZIEXTENZO (pegfilgrastim-bmez soln prefilled syringe 6mg/0.6mL)	FULPHILA, NYVEPRIA	Neutropenia, acute hematopoietic radiation injury syndrome	

BASIC, BASIC MULTI-TIER, ENHANCED, AND ENHANCED MULTI-TIER DRUG LIST REMOVALS			
DRUG <sup>1</sup>	ALTERNATIVE	CONDITION	
SPRYCEL (dasatinib tab (20 mg, 50 mg, 70 mg, 80 mg, 100 mg, 140 mg))	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Cancer	
TAZORAC (tazarotene cream 0.05%)	There is a generic equivalent available. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Plaque Psoriasis	
ZIEXTENZO (pegfilgrastim-bmez soln prefilled syringe 6 mg/0.6 mL)	FULPHILA, NYVEPRIA	Neutropenia, acute hematopoietic radiation injury syndrome	

### **Drug Tier Changes**

The tier changes listed below apply to members on a managed drug list. Members may pay more for these drugs after April 1, 2025.

BALANCED DRUG LIST TIER CHANGES			
DRUG <sup>1</sup>	ALTERNATIVE <sup>1, 2</sup>	CONDITION	NEW TIER
ACETAMINOPHEN/CODEINE (acetaminophen w/ codeine soln 120-12 mg/5 mL)	acetaminophen w/ codeine tablet	Pain	Non-Preferred Brand
CLEMASTINE FUMARATE (clemastine fumarate syrup 0.67 mg/5 mL (0.5 mg/5 mL base eq))	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Allergic rhinitis, urticaria, angioedema	Non-Preferred Brand
FENTANYL CITRATE ORAL TRANSMUCOSAL (fentanyl citrate lozenge on a handle 200 mcg, 400 mcg, 600 mcg, 800 mcg, 1200 mcg, 1600 mcg)	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Pain	Non-Preferred Brand
HYDROCORTISONE BUTYRATE (hydrocortisone butyrate oint 0.1%)	triamcinolone acetonide oint 0.025%	Pruritus, Dermatoses	Non-Preferred Brand
NITAZOXANIDE (nitazoxanide tab 500 mg)	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Giardiasis, Cryptosporidiosis	Preferred Brand
SODIUM FLUORIDE 5000 PPM ENAMEL PROTECT (sodium fluoride-potassium nitrate gel 1.1-5%)	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Tooth-decay prevention	Preferred Brand
SODIUM FLUORIDE 5000 PPM SENSITIVE (sodium fluoride- potassium nitrate gel 1.1-5%)	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Tooth-decay prevention	Preferred Brand
SODIUM FLUORIDE/POTASSIUM NITRATE/SENSITIVE (sodium fluoride-potassium nitrate gel 1.1-5%)	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Tooth-decay prevention	Preferred Brand
SPS (sodium polystyrene sulfonate rectal susp 30 gm/120 mL)	SPS (sodium polystyrene sulfonate susp 15 gm/60 mL)	Hyperkalemia	Non-Preferred Brand

PERFORMANCE DRUG LIST TIER CHANGES			
DRUG <sup>1</sup>	ALTERNATIVE	CONDITION	NEW TIER
ACETAMINOPHEN/CODEINE (acetaminophen w/ codeine soln 120-12 mg/5 mL)	acetaminophen w/ codeine tablet	Pain	Non-Preferred Brand
FENTANYL CITRATE ORAL TRANSMUCOSAL (fentanyl citrate lozenge on a handle 200 mcg, 400 mcg, 600 mcg, 800 mcg, 1200 mcg, 1600 mcg)	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Pain	Non-Preferred Brand
NITAZOXANIDE (nitazoxanide tab 500 mg)	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Giardiasis, Cryptosporidiosis	Preferred Brand
SODIUM FLUORIDE 5000 PPM ENAMEL PROTECT (sodium fluoride-potassium nitrate gel 1.1-5%)	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Tooth-decay prevention	Preferred Brand
SODIUM FLUORIDE 5000 PPM SENSITIVE (sodium fluoride- potassium nitrate gel 1.1-5%)	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Tooth-decay prevention	Preferred Brand
SODIUM FLUORIDE/POTASSIUM NITRATE/SENSITIVE (sodium fluoride-potassium nitrate gel 1.1-5%)	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Tooth-decay prevention	Preferred Brand
SPS (sodium polystyrene sulfonate rectal susp 30 gm/120 mL)	SPS (sodium polystyrene sulfonate susp 15 gm/60 mL)	Hyperkalemia	Non-Preferred Brand

PERFORMANCE SELECT DRUG LIST TIER CHANGES			
DRUG <sup>1</sup> ALTERNATIVE CONDITION NEW TIER			
ACETAMINOPHEN/CODEINE (acetaminophen w/ codeine soln 120-12 mg/5 mL)	acetaminophen w/ codeine tablet	Pain	Non-Preferred Brand

PERFORMANCE SELECT DRUG LIST TIER CHANGES			
DRUG <sup>1</sup>	ALTERNATIVE	CONDITION	NEW TIER
FENTANYL CITRATE ORAL TRANSMUCOSAL (fentanyl citrate lozenge on a handle 200 mcg, 400 mcg, 600 mcg, 800 mcg, 1200 mcg, 1600 mcg)	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Pain	Non-Preferred Brand
NITAZOXANIDE (nitazoxanide tab 500 mg)	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Giardiasis, Cryptosporidiosis	Preferred Brand
SODIUM FLUORIDE 5000 PPM ENAMEL PROTECT (sodium fluoride-potassium nitrate gel 1.1-5%)	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Tooth decay prevention	Preferred Brand
SODIUM FLUORIDE 5000 PPM SENSITIVE (sodium fluoride-potassium nitrate gel 1.1-5%)	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Tooth decay prevention	Preferred Brand
SODIUM FLUORIDE/POTASSIUM NITRATE/SENSITIVE (sodium fluoride-potassium nitrate gel 1.1-5%)	Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other medication(s) available for your condition.	Tooth decay prevention	Preferred Brand
SPS (sodium polystyrene sulfonate rectal susp 30 gm/120 mL)	SPS (sodium polystyrene sulfonate susp 15 gm/60 mL)	Hyperkalemia	Non-Preferred Brand

### **Utilization Management Program Changes**

Utilization Management programs are implemented to regularly review the appropriateness of medications within drug-therapy programs, and as a result, may adjust dispensing limits, prior authorization or step-therapy requirements. The following drug programs reflect those changes.

#### Standard Prior Authorization Program Changes – Effective April 1, 2025

Changes to drug categories and/or medications will be made to the prior authorization programs for standard pharmacy benefit plans upon renewal for non-ASO groups. This includes ASO groups with a standard UM package and/or subcategory selection with auto updates.

For groups that have not selected the auto update, these programs will be available to be added to their benefit design as of the program effective date.

**Note:** For non-ASO groups or ASO groups without auto updates, these changes will not apply until the group's 2026 renewal date, unless otherwise noted.

## Members received letters regarding the program changes listed below. All changes are effective April 1, 2025.

BASIC, BASIC MULTI-TIER, ENHANCED, ENHANCED MULTI-TIER DRUG LISTS			
TARGET AGENTS	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM TYPE	
Cabtreo gel	Therapeutic Alternatives PAQL	Prior Authorization	
Doxycycline Hyclate 50 mg tab	Oral Tetracycline Derivatives PA	Prior Authorization	
Ergomar SL tab	Therapeutic Alternatives PAQL	Prior Authorization	
Nalocet (oxycodone w/ Acetaminophen) tab 2.5-300 mg	Therapeutics Alternatives PAQL	Prior Authorization	
Prolate (oxycodone w/ Acetaminophen) tab 5-300 mg, 7.5-300 mg, 10-300 mg	Therapeutics Alternatives PAQL	Prior Authorization	
Sohonos cap	Sohonos PAQL	Specialty Prior Authorization	
Tanlor (Methocarbamol) 1000 mg tab	Therapeutics Alternatives PAQL	Prior Authorization	

BALANCED DRUG LIST			
TARGET AGENTS	PROGRAM TYPE		
Cabtreo gel	Therapeutic Alternatives PAQL	Prior Authorization	
Ergomar SL tab	Therapeutic Alternatives PAQL	Prior Authorization	

BALANCED DRUG LIST			
TARGET AGENTS	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM TYPE	
Nalocet (oxycodone w/ Acetaminophen) tab 2.5-300 mg	Therapeutics Alternatives PAQL	Prior Authorization	
Prolate (oxycodone w/ Acetaminophen) tab 5-300 mg, 7.5-300 mg, 10-300 mg	Therapeutics Alternatives PAQL	Prior Authorization	
Sohonos cap	Sohonos PAQL	Specialty Prior Authorization	
Tanlor (Methocarbamol) 1000 mg tab	Therapeutics Alternatives PAQL	Prior Authorization	

PERFORMANCE DRUG LIST				
TARGET AGENTS	ET AGENTS PROGRAM NAME PROGRAM TYPE			
Cabtreo gel	Therapeutic Alternatives PAQL	Prior Authorization		
Ergomar SL tab	Therapeutic Alternatives PAQL	Prior Authorization		
Sohonos cap	Sohonos PAQL	Specialty Prior Authorization		

PERFORMANCE SELECT DRUG LIST				
TARGET AGENTS	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM TYPE		
Cabtreo gel	Therapeutic Alternatives PAQL	Prior Authorization		
Ergomar SL tab	Therapeutic Alternatives PAQL	Prior Authorization		
Nalocet (oxycodone w/ Acetaminophen) tab 2.5-300 mg	Therapeutics Alternatives PAQL	Prior Authorization		
Prolate (oxycodone w/ Acetaminophen) tab 5-300 mg, 7.5-300 mg, 10-300 mg	Therapeutics Alternatives PAQL	Prior Authorization		
Sohonos cap	Sohonos PAQL	Specialty Prior Authorization		
Tanlor (Methocarbamol) 1000 mg tab	Therapeutics Alternatives PAQL	Prior Authorization		

### New Standard Utilization Management Programs

The following are new programs. Members were not lettered on the programs listed below because the drugs are new to market and have no utilization to date.

PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM TYPE	CHANGES MADE	DRUG LISTS	EFFECTIVE DATE
Hympavzi PAQL	Specialty Prior Authorization	New Program	Basic, Basic Multi-Tier, Enhanced, Enhanced Multi-Tier, Basic Annual, Basic Multi-Tier Annual, Enhanced Annual, Enhanced Multi-Tier Annual, Balanced, Performance, Performance Annual, Performance Select, HIM	4/1/2025
IL-31 Inhibitors PAQL	Specialty Prior Authorization	New Program	Basic, Basic Multi-Tier, Enhanced, Enhanced Multi-Tier, Basic Annual, Basic Multi-Tier Annual, Enhanced Annual, Enhanced Multi-Tier Annual, Balanced, Performance, Performance Annual, Performance Select, HIM	4/1/2025
Niemann-Pick Disease Type C Agents PAQL	Specialty Prior Authorization	New Program	Basic, Basic Multi-Tier, Enhanced, Enhanced Multi-Tier, Basic Annual, Basic Multi-Tier Annual, Enhanced Annual, Enhanced Multi-Tier Annual, Balanced, Performance, Performance Annual Performance Select, HIM	4/1/2025
Ohtuvayre PAQL	Specialty Prior Authorization	New Program	Basic, Basic Multi-Tier, Enhanced, Enhanced Multi-Tier, Basic Annual, Basic Multi-Tier Annual, Enhanced Annual, Enhanced Multi-Tier Annual, Balanced, Performance, Performance Annual Performance Select, HIM	3/1/2025

PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM TYPE	CHANGES MADE	DRUG LISTS	EFFECTIVE DATE
Tryvio PAQL	Specialty Prior Authorization	New Program	Basic, Basic Multi-Tier, Enhanced, Enhanced Multi-Tier, Basic Annual, Basic Multi-Tier Annual, Enhanced Annual, Enhanced Multi-Tier Annual, Balanced, Performance, Performance Annual Performance Select, HIM	4/1/2025
Yorvipath PAQL	Specialty Prior Authorization	New Program	Basic, Basic Multi-Tier, Enhanced, Enhanced Multi-Tier, Basic Annual, Basic Multi-Tier Annual, Enhanced Annual, Enhanced Multi-Tier Annual, Balanced, Performance, Performance Annual Performance Select, HIM	4/1/2025

### **Dispensing Limit Changes**

The prescription-drug benefit program for BCBSTX includes coverage limits on certain medications and drug categories. Dispensing limits are based on U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved dosage regimens and product labeling.

BCBSTX may send letters to all members with a claim for a drug included in the Dispensing Limit Program, regardless of the prescribed dosage. This means members may receive a letter even though their prescribed dosage doesn't meet or exceed the dispensing limit. Members who were lettered are indicated on drugs indicated below.

**Please note:** The dispensing limits listed below only apply to select members whose plan has a quarterly updated prescription drug list. BCBSTX members on an annually updated prescription drug list will have these dispensing limits applied on or after Jan. 1, 2026. For BCBSTX members on the 2024 or 2025 Health Insurance Marketplace Drug Lists, these dispensing limits may be applied on or after Jan. 1, 2026.

View the most up-to-date drug list and list of drug dispensing limits, visit the provider pharmacy webpage.

If your patients have any questions about their pharmacy benefits, please advise them to contact the number on their member ID card. Members may also log in to Blue Access for Members<sup>SM</sup> or MyPrime.com for more online resources.

Dispensing Limit changes are listed below with their effective date.

BALANCED AND PERFORMANCE SELECT DRUG LISTS				
TARGET AGENT	PROGRAM	DISPENSING LIMIT	EFFECTIVE DATE	
Eysuvis* (loteprednol etabonate) opth susp 0.25%	Dry Eye Disease PAQL	16.6 mLs per 90 days	4/1/2025	

Members were lettered on this change.

#### BASIC, BASIC MULTI-TIER, ENHANCED, ENHANCED MULTI-TIER, BASIC ANNUAL, BASIC MULTI-TIER ANNUAL, ENHANCED ANNUAL, ENHANCED MULTI-TIER ANNUAL, BALANCED, PERFORMANCE, PERFORMANCE ANNUAL AND PERFORMANCE SELECT DRUG LISTS

TARGET AGENT	PROGRAM	DISPENSING LIMIT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Aqneursa (levacetylleucine) susp packet 1 gm	Niemann-Pick Disease Type C Agents PAQL	120 packets per 30 days	4/1/2025
Hympavzi (marstacimab- hncq) subq soln 150 mg/mL	Hympazi PAQL	4 pens per 28 days	4/1/2025
llet Insulin Infusion Kit	Insulin Pump PAQL	30 kits per 30 days	4/1/2025
llet Insulin infusion kit, twist refill kit	Insulin Pump PAQL	15 kits per 30 days	4/1/2025
llet Insulin Pump	Insulin Pump PAQL	1 kit per 720 days	4/1/2025
llet Starter Kit-contact; llet starter kit- inset; twist refill kit/infusion	Insulin Pump PAQL	1 kit per 720 days	4/1/2025
Miplyffa (arimoclomol citrate) 47 mg cap, 62 mg cap, 93 mg cap, 124 mg cap	Niemann-Pick Disease Type C Agents PAQL	90 caps per 30 days	4/1/2025
Nemluvio (nemolizumab-ilto) for subq autoinjector 30 mg	IL-31 Inhibitors PAQL	2 pens per 28 days	4/1/2025
Ohtuvayre (ensifentrine) inhalation susp 3 mg/2.5 mL	Ohtuvayre PAQL	60 ampules per 30 days	3/1/2025
Tanlor* (Methocarbamol) 1000 mg tab	Therapeutics Alternatives PAQL	120 tabs per 30 days	4/1/2025
Tryvio 12.5 mg tab	Tryvio PAQL	30 tabs per 30 days	4/1/2025
Yorvipath (palopegteriparatide) pen-inj 168 mcg/ 0.56 mL, 294 mcg/0.98 mL, 420 mcg/1.4 mL	Yorvipath PAQL	2 pens per 28 days	4/1/2025

\* Members were lettered on these changes.

### BASIC, BASIC MULTI-TIER, ENHANCED, ENHANCED MULTI-TIER, BALANCED AND PERFORMANCE SELECT DRUG LISTS ARGET AGENT PROGRAM DISPENSING LIMIT EFFECTI

	PROGRAM	DISPENSING LIMIT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Austedo XR* (deutetrabenazine) 24 mg tab	VMAT2 Inhibitors PAQL	30 tabs per 30 days	4/1/2025
Ergomar* 2 mg SL tab	Therapeutics Alternatives PAQL	20 tabs per 28 days	4/1/2025
Sohonos (palovarotene) 1 mg cap, 1.5 mg cap, 2.5 mg cap, 5 mg cap, 10 mg cap	Sohonos PAQL	120 caps per 30 days	4/1/2025

\* Members were lettered on these changes.

### **Pharmacy Benefits Updates**

Visit the our pharmacy page for resource materials. Stay tuned to Blue Review for additional Pharmacy Program updates.

# Reminder: Cost-Share Change for Specialty Drugs Packaged for More Than 30 Days

Select specialty medications have FDA approval to be dispensed in a supply greater than 30 days and/or the drug manufacturer has limitations with packaging that cannot be broken into only a 30-day supply.

By applying member cost-share according to the actual day-supply amount filled, this change ensures members are paying for what they are filling, based on their benefits. For example, members receiving a 90-day supply of specialty medication will pay an applicable copay for a 90-day supply instead of the current 30-day supply cost share amount.

The change began Jan. 1, 2025. Members that are impacted by this change will be sent an awareness notification letter at least 60 days prior to their effective date. Small Group, Blue Balanced Funded<sup>SM</sup> and Custom Fully Insured group members with an April, May or June renewal were sent a letter in January 2025 to alert them about this change.

#### Reminder: Coverage Change for Generic Abiraterone Acetate Prescriptions

What's new: Since Oct. 1, 2024, most Individual & Family Market plans and commercial-group members with pharmacy benefits administered by Prime Therapeutics<sup>®</sup> have coverage for only the CivicaScript-produced, low-cost and generic version of **abiraterone acetate 250 mg.** This drug is only available through SortPak Pharmacy.

Zytiga and all other generic versions of **abiraterone acetate 250 mg** are no longer covered for these members.

Some BCBSTX members will have the change apply on or after Jan. 1, 2025.

**Member notices:** Eligible members identified as having claims for the brand Zytiga or other generic versions will have to switch to the CivicaScript-produced generic version. Letters will be sent to these members at least 60 days before the effective date. For example, members with BCBSTX with an April, May or June renewal were mailed letters in January 2025. The letter will alert members of the change and share how to get the medication from SortPak.

**Why this matters**: Our partnership with CivicaScript furthers our initiatives to make prescription drugs more affordable for our members. By manufacturing lower-cost generic drugs, it can help lower members' out-of-pocket costs and improve medication adherence. A 30-day supply of CivicaScript's abiraterone acetate is \$171 compared to an average of \$1,848 for the other generics or \$13,064 for brand Zytiga.

If your patient asks for a new prescription, please e-prescribe to SortPak Pharmacy or fax 877-475-2382.

<sup>1</sup>Third-party brand names are the property of their respective owner.

<sup>2</sup>This list is not all inclusive. Other medicines may be available in this drug class.

<sup>3</sup>Coverage of medications is still subject to the limits, exclusions and out-of-pocket requirements based on the member's plan.

<sup>+</sup>This drug is based on group-specific coverage. Members should refer to their benefit materials for coverage details or call the number on the back of their member ID card.

**Please note:** If coverage of the member's medication is changed on their prescription drug list, the amount the member will pay for the same medication under this preventive drug benefit may also change.

The information mentioned here is for informational purposes only and is not a substitute for the independent medical judgment of a physician. Physicians are to exercise their own medical judgment. Pharmacy benefits and limits are subject to the terms set forth in the member's certificate of coverage which may vary from the limits set forth above. The listing of any drug or classification of drugs is not a guarantee of benefits. Members should refer to their certificate of coverage for more details, including benefits, limitations and exclusions. Regardless of benefits, the final decision about any medication is between the member and their health care provider.