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Step Therapy Utilization Management Commercial

Step Therapy

Step therapy program is a "step" approach to providing the medications that treat your condition. This means that you may first need to try a more clinically appropriate or cost-effective medication before certain higher-cost medications will be approved. Step therapy programs can help both you and the health plan save money.

The Step Therapy form that your physician will need to complete to request an approval can be found on the MyPrime website.

Utilization Management Program	Prerequisites	Drug(s) in Program
ADHD Agents	A generic stimulant agent	ADDERALL
ADHD Agents		ADDERALL XR
ADHD Agents		ADHANSIA XR
ADHD Agents		ADZENYS XR-ODT
ADHD Agents		APTENSIO XR
ADHD Agents		AZSTARYS
ADHD Agents		CONCERTA
ADHD Agents		COTEMPLA XR-ODT
ADHD Agents		DAYTRANA
ADHD Agents		DESOXYN
ADHD Agents		DEXEDRINE
ADHD Agents		DYANAVEL XR
ADHD Agents		EVEKEO
ADHD Agents		EVEKEO ODT
ADHD Agents		FOCALIN
ADHD Agents		FOCALIN XR
	Additional alternatives for Intuniv,	
	Kapvay, Qelbree, and Strattera only:	
ADHD Agents	a generic non-stimulant agent	INTUNIV

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Utilization Management Program	Prerequisites	Drug(s) in Program
ADHD Agents		JORNAY PM
	Additional alternatives for Intuniv,	
	Kapvay, Qelbree, and Strattera only:	
ADHD Agents	a generic non-stimulant agent	KAPVAY
ADHD Agents		METHYLIN
ADHD Agents		METHYLPHENIDATE HYDROCHLORIDE ER
ADHD Agents		MYDAYIS
ADHD Agents	Additional alternatives for Intuniv, Kapvay, Qelbree, and Strattera only: a generic non-stimulant agent	QELBREE
ADHD Agents	a generic non stimulant agent	QUILLICHEW ER
ADHD Agents		QUILLIVANT XR
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ADHD Agents		
ADHD Agents	+	RITALIN RITALIN LA
ADHD Agents ADHD Agents	Additional alternatives for Intuniv, Kapvay, Qelbree, and Strattera only: a generic non-stimulant agent	STRATTERA
ADHD Agents		VYVANSE
ADHD Agents		XELSTRYM
Antidepressants	Generic bupropion, bupropion ER, citalopram, duloxetine, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluoxetine DR, fluvoxamine, fluvoxamine ER, mirtazapine, paroxetine, paroxetine ER, sertraline, venlafaxine, venlafaxine ER, vilazodone TWO of the following: Generic bupropion, bupropion ER, citalopram, duloxetine, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluoxetine DR, fluvoxamine, fluvoxamine ER, mirtazapine, paroxetine, paroxetine ER, sertraline, venlafaxine,	APLENZIN
Antidepressants	venlafaxine ER, vilazodone	AUVELITY
Antidepressants		BUPROPION HYDROCHLORIDE ER (XL)
Antidepressants		CELEXA
Antidepressants		CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE

Utilization Management Program	Prerequisites	Drug(s) in Program
	Additional alternatives for	
	Cymbalta/brand duloxetine products	
	only: amitriptyline, cyclobenzaprine,	
	desipramine, gabapentin,	
	imipramine, nortriptyline, tramadol, acetaminophen, oral NSAID, topical	
Antidepressants	NSAID	CYMBALTA
Antidepressants	113/112	DESVENLAFAXINE ER
Antidepressants		EFFEXOR XR
Antidepressants		FETZIMA
Antidepressants		FETZIMA TITRATION PACK
Antidepressants		FLUOXETINE DR
Antidepressants		FLUOXETINE BY FLUOXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE
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Antidepressants		FORFIVO XL
Antidepressants		LEXAPRO
Antidepressants		PAXIL
Antidepressants		PAXIL CR
Antidepressants		PEXEVA
Antidepressants		PRISTIQ
Antidepressants		PROZAC
Antidepressants		REMERON
Antidepressants		REMERON SOLTAB
Antidepressants		SERTRALINE HYDROCHLORIDE
Antidepressants		TRINTELLIX
Antidepressants		VENLAFAXINE BESYLATE ER
Antidepressants		VIIBRYD
Antidepressants		VIIBRYD STARTER PACK
Antidepressants		WELLBUTRIN SR
Antidepressants		WELLBUTRIN XL
Antidepressants		ZOLOFT

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	A generic ACE Inhibitor or ACE Inhibitor combination (e.g. enalapril, Iisinopril, benazepril)	
	A generic ARB or ARB combination	
	(e.g. amlodipine-valsartan/HCTZ,	
	candesartan, irbesartan, losartan,	
	telmisartan, valsartan, telmisartan/amlodipine,	
	telmisartan/HCTZ,	
	valsartan/amlodipine)	
	A generic renin inhibitor or renin	
ARB/Renin Inhibitors	inhibitor combination (e.g. aliskiren)	ATACAND
ARB/Renin Inhibitors		ATACAND HCT
ARB/Renin Inhibitors		AVALIDE
ARB/Renin Inhibitors		AVAPRO
ARB/Renin Inhibitors		AZOR
ARB/Renin Inhibitors		BENICAR
ARB/Renin Inhibitors		BENICAR HCT
ARB/Renin Inhibitors		COZAAR
ARB/Renin Inhibitors		DIOVAN
ARB/Renin Inhibitors		DIOVAN HCT
ARB/Renin Inhibitors		EDARBI
ARB/Renin Inhibitors		EDARBYCLOR
ARB/Renin Inhibitors		EXFORGE
ARB/Renin Inhibitors		EXFORGE HCT
ARB/Renin Inhibitors		HYZAAR
ARB/Renin Inhibitors		MICARDIS
ARB/Renin Inhibitors		MICARDIS HCT
ARB/Renin Inhibitors		TEKTURNA
ARB/Renin Inhibitors		TEKTURNA HCT
ARB/Renin Inhibitors		TELMISARTAN/AMLODIPINE
ARB/Renin Inhibitors		TRIBENZOR
ARB/Renin Inhibitors		VALSARTAN
	A topical corticosteroid or a topical corticosteroid combination	
Atopic Dermatitis	preparation	ELIDEL
Atopic Dermatitis		EUCRISA
Atopic Dermatitis		PROTOPIC

Utilization Management Program	Prerequisites	Drug(s) in Program
Atopic Dermatitis		pimecrolimus
Atopic Dermatitis		tacrolimus
Atypical Antipsychotics	A generic atypical antipsychotic Additional alternatives for Abilify only: generic haloperidol, pimozide	ABILIFY
Atypical Antipsychotics	Additional alternatives for Abilify Mycite only: generic antidepressant	ABILIFY MYCITE
Atypical Antipsychotics	Additional alternatives for Abilify Mycite only: generic antidepressant	ABILIFY MYCITE MAINTENANCE KIT
Atypical Antipsychotics Atypical Antipsychotics	Additional alternatives for Abilify Mycite only: generic antidepressant	ABILIFY MYCITE STARTER KIT CAPLYTA
Atypical Antipsychotics		CLOZAPINE ODT
Atypical Antipsychotics		CLOZARIL
Atypical Antipsychotics		FANAPT
Atypical Antipsychotics		FANAPT TITRATION PACK
Atypical Antipsychotics		GEODON
Atypical Antipsychotics		INVEGA
Atypical Antipsychotics		LATUDA
Atypical Antipsychotics		LYBALVI
Atypical Antipsychotics		QUETIAPINE FUMARATE
Atypical Antipsychotics	Additional alternatives for Rexulti only: generic antidepressant	REXULTI
Atypical Antipsychotics		RISPERDAL
Atypical Antipsychotics		RISPERIDONE ODT
Atypical Antipsychotics		SAPHRIS
Atypical Antipsychotics		SECUADO
Atypical Antipsychotics		SEROQUEL
Atypical Antipsychotics	Additional alternatives for Seroquel XR only: generic antidepressant	SEROQUEL XR
Atypical Antipsychotics		VERSACLOZ
Atypical Antipsychotics	Additional alternatives for Vraylar only: generic antidepressant	VRAYLAR
Atypical Antipsychotics	Additional alternative for Zyprexa only: generic fluoxetine	ZYPREXA

Utilization Management Program	Prerequisites	Drug(s) in Program
	Additional alternative for Zyprexa	
Atypical Antipsychotics	Zydis only: generic fluoxetine	ZYPREXA ZYDIS
Gabapentin ER	Generic gabapentin	GRALISE
Gabapentin ER		HORIZANT
	Ascensia products (Contour, Bayer	
	Breeze) or Lifescan products	
Glucose Test Strips	(OneTouch)	Glucose Test Strips and Disks
	Generic nonbenzodiazepine	
Insomnia	hypnotic agents	AMBIEN
Insomnia		AMBIEN CR
Insomnia		BELSOMRA
Insomnia		DAYVIGO
Insomnia		EDLUAR
Insomnia		LUNESTA
Insomnia		QUVIVIQ
Insomnia		ROZEREM
Insomnia		SILENOR
Insomnia		ZOLPIDEM TARTRATE
Insomnia		ZOLPIMIST
	Generic metformin, a combination	
	product containing metformin,	
Insulin Combination	insulin	SOLIQUA 100/33
Insulin Combination		XULTOPHY 100/3.6
	Generic duloxetine, amitriptyline,	
	nortriptyline, imipramine,	
	desipramine, cyclobenzaprine,	
	venlafaxine, gabapentin, pregabalin,	
	tramadol	
Lyrica and Savella	Additional alternatives for Lyrica	LYRICA
Lyrica anu Savena	only: an anticonvulsant agent Generic duloxetine, amitriptyline,	LINICA
	nortriptyline, imipramine,	
	desipramine, venlafaxine,	
	gabapentin	
Lyrica and Savella	AND pregabalin immediate release	LYRICA CR

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	Generic duloxetine, amitriptyline,	
	nortriptyline, imipramine,	
	desipramine, cyclobenzaprine,	
	venlafaxine, gabapentin, pregabalin,	
Lyrica and Savella	tramadol	SAVELLA
	Generic duloxetine, amitriptyline,	
	nortriptyline, imipramine,	
	desipramine, cyclobenzaprine,	
Lurian and Caualla	venlafaxine, gabapentin, pregabalin,	CANCIL A TITRATION DACK
Lyrica and Savella	tramadol Canaria mathatrayata injectable	SAVELLA TITRATION PACK
	Generic methotrexate injectable solution (methotrexate sodium	
Methotrexate Injection	solution)	OTREXUP
Wethotrexate injection	Generic methotrexate injectable	OTTEXO
	solution (methotrexate injectable	
	solution)	
	AND Otrexup	
Methotrexate Injection	AND RediTrex	RASUVO
-	Generic methotrexate injectable	
	solution (methotrexate sodium	
Methotrexate Injection	solution)	REDITREX
Ophthalmic Prostaglandins	A generic ophthalmic prostaglandin	IYUZEH
Ophthalmic Prostaglandins		LATANOPROST
Ophthalmic Prostaglandins		LUMIGAN
Ophthalmic Prostaglandins		TRAVATAN Z
Ophthalmic Prostaglandins		VYZULTA
Ophthalmic Prostaglandins		XALATAN
Ophthalmic Prostaglandins		XELPROS
Ophthalmic Prostaglandins		ZIOPTAN
	A generic oral formulation of	
	omeprazole, lansoprazole,	
	pantoprazole, rabeprazole,	
	esomeprazole magnesium,	
PPI	dexlansoprazole	ACIPHEX
PPI		DEXILANT
PPI		ESOMEPRAZOLE STRONTIUM
PPI		KONVOMEP
PPI		NEXIUM
PPI		PREVACID

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PPI		PREVACID SOLUTAB
PPI		PRILOSEC
PPI		PROTONIX
PPI		RABEPRAZOLE SODIUM DR SPRINKLE
PPI		VOQUEZNA
PPI		ZEGERID
Retinoids	A generic topical retinoid	ADAPALENE
Retinoids		AKLIEF
Retinoids		ALTRENO
Retinoids		ATRALIN
Retinoids		CABTREO
Retinoids		DIFFERIN
Retinoids		EPIDUO
Retinoids		EPIDUO FORTE
Retinoids		FABIOR
Retinoids		RETIN-A
Retinoids		RETIN-A MICRO
Retinoids		RETIN-A MICRO PUMP
Retinoids		TAZAROTENE
Retinoids		TAZORAC
Retinoids		TWYNEO
	A generic statin or generic statin	
Statins	combination	ALTOPREV
Statins		ATORVALIQ
Statins		CRESTOR
Statins		EZALLOR SPRINKLE
Statins		EZETIMIBE/ROSUVASTATIN
Statins		FLOLIPID
Statins		LESCOL XL
Statins		LIPITOR
Statins		LIVALO
Statins		ROSZET
Statins		VYTORIN
Statins		ZOCOR
Statins		ZYPITAMAG

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Topical Antibiotics	TWO generic topical antibiotic agents	ACANYA
Topical Antibiotics	agents	ACZONE
Topical Antibiotics		AMZEEQ
Topical Antibiotics		AZELEX
Topical Antibiotics		BENZAC AC WASH
Topical Antibiotics		BENZAMYCIN
Topical Antibiotics		BENZEPRO
Topical Antibiotics		BENZOYL PEROXIDE
Topical Antibiotics		BENZOYL PEROXIDE 8%
Topical Antibiotics		BENZOYL PEROXIDE HYDROUS
Topical Antibiotics		CLEOCIN-T
Topical Antibiotics		CLINDAGEL
Topical Antibiotics		EPSOLAY
Topical Antibiotics		ERY
Topical Antibiotics		ERYGEL
Topical Antibiotics		EVOCLIN
Topical Antibiotics		FINACEA
Topical Antibiotics		KLARON
Topical Antibiotics		METROCREAM
Topical Antibiotics		METROGEL
Topical Antibiotics		METROLOTION
Topical Antibiotics		NORITATE
Topical Antibiotics		ONEXTON
Topical Antibiotics		PR BENZOYL PEROXIDE
Topical Antibiotics		VELTIN
Topical Antibiotics		ZACLIR CLEANSING
Topical Antibiotics		ZIANA
Topical Antibiotics		ZILXI
Topical Antibiotics		dapsone
Topical NSAID	A generic topical NSAID	DICLOFENAC EPOLAMINE
Topical NSAID	<u> </u>	FLECTOR
Topical NSAID		LICART
Topical NSAID		PENNSAID
Topical NSAID		diclofenac sodium
Triptans	A generic triptan	AMERGE

Utilization Management Program	Prerequisites	Drug(s) in Program
Triptans		FROVA
Triptans		IMITREX
Triptans		IMITREX STATDOSE REFILL
Triptans		IMITREX STATDOSE SYSTEM
Triptans		MAXALT
Triptans		MAXALT-MLT
Triptans		ONZETRA XSAIL
Triptans		RELPAX
Triptans		SUMATRIPTAN SUCCINATE REFILL
Triptans		TOSYMRA
Triptans		TREXIMET
Triptans		ZEMBRACE SYMTOUCH
Triptans		ZOLMITRIPTAN
Triptans		ZOMIG
Triptans		almotriptan
Triptans		almotriptan malate
Triptans		frovatriptan succinate
Triptans		zolmitriptan
Urinary Incontinence	A generic urinary incontinence agent	DETROL
Urinary Incontinence		DETROL LA
Urinary Incontinence		DITROPAN XL
Urinary Incontinence		GELNIQUE
Urinary Incontinence		GEMTESA
Urinary Incontinence		MYRBETRIQ
Urinary Incontinence		OXYBUTYNIN CHLORIDE
Urinary Incontinence		OXYTROL
Urinary Incontinence		TOVIAZ
Urinary Incontinence		VESICARE
Urinary Incontinence		VESICARE LS



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