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Traditional Drugs – Therapeutic Interchange List (Medicare)

System	Condition	Therapeutic Class	Target [∞]	Alternative [∞]	
Cardiovascular	Acute Angina	Adjunctive Therapies	Nitroglycerin spray ^{NF} Nitro-DUR Patch ^{NF} Nitro-BID Ointment	Nitroglycerin SL tablets Nitroglycerin Patch	
		Preventative Therapies	Isosorbide dinitrate	Isosorbide Mononitrate ER tablets Isosorbide Mononitrate tablets	
		Platelet Aggregation Inhibitors	Brilinta	Clopidogrel Prasugrel	
	Anticoagulation	Direct Oral Anticoagulants	Pradaxa	Eliquis Xarelto	
		Vitamin K Antagonist	Warfarin	Jantoven	
	Hypertension	Aldosterone Antagonist	Eplerenone	Spirolactone	
		Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitors	Enalapril Moexipril Ramipril Quinapril Captopril	Benazepril Lisinopril Trandolapril	
		Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitor / Thiazide Diuretics	Benazepril – Hydrochlorothiazide Fosinopril – Hydrochlorothiazide Quinapril – Hydrochlorothiazide	Enalapril – Hydrochlorothiazide Lisinopril – Hydrochlorothiazide	
		Angiotensin Receptor Blockers	Valsartan Irbesartan Candesartan	Losartan Olmesartan Telmisartan	
		Angiotensin Receptor Blocker / Thiazide Diuretics	Candesartan – Hydrochlorothiazide Telmisartan – Hydrochlorothiazide	Irbesartan – Hydrochlorothiazide Losartan - Hydrochlorothiazide Olmesartan – Hydrochlorothiazide Valsartan – Hydrochlorothiazide	
		Beta-Blockers – Cardio Selective	Nebivolol Acebutolol	Atenolol Metoprolol Succinate Metoprolol Tartrate	
		Beta-Blockers – Non-Selective	Nadolol	Propranolol	
		Beta Blocker/Diuretics	Metoprolol-Hydrochlorothiazide	Atenolol-Chlorthalidone Bisoprolol-Hydrochlorothiazide	
		Calcium Channel Blockers – Non-dihydropyridines	Diltiazem ER tablets Verapamil ER Capsules	Verapamil ER Tablets Diltiazem ER beads capsules Diltiazem ER capsules	
		Hyperlipidemia	HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors	Livalo Rosuvastatin	Atorvastatin Simvastatin Pravastatin
			Fibric Acids	Fenofibrate Capsules/Tablets Fenofibrate Micronized capsules	Gemfibrozil



Endocrine	Diabetes	Sodium-Glucose Cotransporter-2 Inhibitors	Invokana	Farxiga Jardiance
		Sulfonylureas	Glimepiride Glyburide ^{NF} Glyburide (micronized) ^{NF}	Glipizide Glipizide ER
	Miscellaneous	Glucocorticoids	Dexamethasone	Prednisone
Gastrointestinal	Crohn's disease/ Ulcerative colitis	5-Aminosalicylic Acid Derivatives	Mesalamine DR Balsalazide	Sulfasalazine
	Irritable bowel syndrome	Inflammatory Bowel Agents	Linzess	Lubiprostone
	Miscellaneous Gastrointestinal Condition	Digestive Enzymes	Zenpep	Creon
		Proton Pump Inhibitors	Dexlansoprazole Rabeprazole	Omeprazole Pantoprazole
Men and Women's Health	Erectile Dysfunction	Phosphodiesterase-5 Enzyme Inhibitors	Vardenafil	Sildenafil
	Benign prostate hyperplasia	Alpha 1 Blockers	Alfuzosin ER Silodosin	Tamsulosin
		5-Alpha Reductase Inhibitors	Dutasteride	Finasteride
	Osteoporosis	Bisphosphonates	Ibandronate Risedronate Risedronate DR	Alendronate
	Urinary Incontinence	Anticholinergics	Solifenacin Tolterodine ER Trospium ER ^{NF} Darifenacin	Oxybutynin ER
	Women's health	Aromatase Inhibitors	Exemestane	Anastrozole Letrozole
		Vaginal antifungal	Gynazole-1 ^{NF} Miconazole - 3 ^{NF}	Terconazole Suppository Terconazole Cream
		Progestins	Norethindrone Acetate Tablets	Medroxyprogesterone Acetate Tablets
Neurologic	Alzheimer's Disease	Acetylcholinesterase Inhibitors	Galantamine	Donepezil
	Seizures	Anticonvulsants	Aptiom	Carbamazepine Oxcarbazepine Tablets
			Dilantin Dilantin Chew Dilantin Suspension	Phenytoin Phenytoin Chew Phenytoin Suspension
	Restless Leg Syndrome	Dopamine Agonists	Pramipexole Tablets Neupro Patch	Ropinirole Tablets
Nose	Allergic Rhinitis	Second Generation Histamine 1 Antagonists	Olopatadine NS	Azelastine
		Steroids	Mometasone NS Flunisolide NS Qnasl NS ^{NF}	Fluticasone NS



Ophthalmic		Beta-Blockers	Timolol Gel	Timolol Drops
		Prostaglandins	Travoprost	Latanoprost
		Antibiotics	Moxifloxacin	Ciprofloxacin Ofloxacin
		Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs	Bromfenac	Diclofenac Ketorolac
Pain	Gout	Gout agents	Colchicine	Allopurinol
	Migraine	Serotonin Agonists	Rizatriptan Zolmitriptan Zolmitriptan ODT	Sumatriptan Rizatriptan ODT Naratriptan
	Miscellaneous	Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs	Meloxicam Capsules ^{NF} Etodolac Capsules Etodolac Tablets Diclofenac Tablets Celecoxib	Meloxicam Tablets Ibuprofen ^Δ Naproxen ^Θ
		Muscle Relaxants	Tizanidine Capsule ^{NF} Baclofen	Tizanidine Tablet
		Neuropathic Pain	Pregabalin	Gabapentin Capsules Gabapentin Tablets
Psychiatric	Bipolar/ Schizophrenia/ Major Depressive Disorder	Antipsychotics	Asenapine SL Quetiapine	Aripiprazole Aripiprazole ODT Risperidone Risperidone ODT Loxapine Olanzapine Tablets Olanzapine ODT
	Major Depressive Disorder	Serotonin and Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors	Venlafaxine Tablets Venlafaxine ER Tablets ^{NF}	Venlafaxine ER Capsules
		Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors	Fluoxetine Tablets ^{NF} Paroxetine ER Paroxetine suspension	Fluoxetine Capsules Fluoxetine Suspension Sertraline Sertraline Suspension Citalopram Escitalopram Escitalopram Suspension
Pulmonary		Anticholinergics	Atrovent	Increase Ellipta Ipratropium nebulas
		Beta₂ Agonists	Ventolin HFA	Albuterol Sulfate HFA
		Beta₂ Adrenergic Agonist /Anticholinergics	Combivent	Ipratropium - Albuterol Nebules
		Leukotriene Modulators	Zafirlukast Montelukast Granules	Montelukast Montelukast Chewables
		Xanthines	Theo-24	Theophylline ER 12 HR Theophylline ER 24 HR
Renal	Hyperkalemia	Potassium Binders	Lokelma Veltassa	Sodium Polystyrene Sulfonate
	Hyperphosphatemia	Phosphate Binders	Sevelamer packet	Sevelamer Carbonate Tablets



Skin	Acne	Topicals	Clindamycin 1% Gel Clindamycin 1% Lotion	Clindamycin 1% Pledgets	
	Antifungal	Topicals	Ciclopirox Solution Nystatin Powder Ketoconazole Cream	Ciclopirox Cream Nystatin Cream Nystatin Ointment	
	Miscellaneous Skin Conditions	Steroid Topicals	Alclometasone Cream Betamethasone Cream Betamethasone Valerate Cream Clobetasol Cream Clobetasol Emollient Base Cream Fluocinolone Cream Fluocinonide Emollient Base Cream Halobetasol Cream	Hydrocortisone Cream [‡] Triamcinolone Cream	
			Clobetasol Gel	Fluocinonide Gel	
			Betamethasone Valerate Lotion Betamethasone Dipropionate Lotion Triamcinolone Lotion	Hydrocortisone Lotion	
			Betamethasone Ointment Betamethasone Valerate Ointment Clobetasol Ointment Fluocinolone Ointment Fluocinonide Ointment Halobetasol Ointment Mometasone Ointment	Hydrocortisone Ointment Triamcinolone Ointment	
			Clobetasol Solution Fluocinolone Solution Fluocinonide Solution	Mometasone Solution	
			Antineoplastics	Fluorouracil Cream	Fluorouracil Solution
			Pediculicides	Malathion Lotion	Permethrin Cream
			Antipruritics	Ammonium Lactate 12% Lotion	Ammonium Lactate 12% Cream
	Second Generation Histamine –1 Antagonist	Desloratadine Levocetirizine	Cetirizine		
Systemic	Bacterial infections	Antibiotics	Doxycycline Monohydrate Tablets Doxycycline Hyclate Capsules Doxycycline Hyclate Tablets	Doxycycline Monohydrate Capsules	

∞ = Target and Alternative medications listed may not have the same mechanism of action and may simply be first line therapies for that condition. Wellcare encourages use of generics as first-line therapy; however, these are suggestions that may not be clinically appropriate for all members. These recommendations are based on the HPMS approved formulary file submission ID 22379 (version 10).

Abbreviations: ER = extended-release, DR = Delayed-release, SL = sublingual, ODT = orally disintegrating tablets, NS = nasal spray, NF = non-formulary

Δ = Ibuprofen Tablets only

⊖ = Naproxen 250mg, 375mg, & 500mg Immediate Release only

‡ = Hydrocortisone Cream 1% & 2.5% only

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