

Excluded Medication Guide – Applies to all Health Plan (except Cornerstone products)

The Community Health Options Excluded Medication Guide contains a list of medications that are excluded from coverage by the Health Plan. There are safe and effective alternative options for each excluded drug class listed on our formulary. Medications other than those listed below may be excluded for the following reasons; State restrictions, FDA restrictions, or the medication is excluded at the benefit level (located in your Member Benefit Agreement).

How to read this Excluded Medication Guidebook

There are three columns as represented below:

Drug Class- Describes the drug classification or category of drug.

Excluded Medication – Lists the medications that not covered by the Health Plan.

Preferred Alternatives – Lists the medications options for the same drug class that are covered by the Health Plan and listed on our drug formulary found at (<https://www.healthoptions.org/formulary/formulary-2018.aspx>).

Exceptions to excluded medications

Exception to coverage requests are considered on a case by case basis. You and/or your provider can start the exception to coverage process by calling Member Services at (855) 624-6463.

Insulin Pump Test Strips

If you have been approved for an insulin pump and your brand of glucose test strips appear on this exclusion list, please call Member Services (Monday-Friday, 8am-6pm) at (855) 624-6463 to request additional information about insulin pump glucose test strips.

How to search this exclusion guide

For PC Users: Hold down the 'Ctrl' and 'F' keys at the same time or click on the Binoculars icon, to open the search pane.

For Mac Users: Hold down the 'Command' and 'F' keys at the same time or click on the Binoculars icon, to open the search panel.

Type the first few letters of the drug name, and click enter. Continue to click on the Arrow in the search pane scroll through the matches within the document.**Please Note** Medications listed on this Exclusion Medication Guide may not be all inclusive and are subject to change without notice. If medications are added to the exclusion list, Members receiving that medication are notified of the change, when applicable.



Drug Class	Excluded Medication	Preferred Alternatives
Autonomic/Central Nervous System		
Anti-Migraine Therapy	Sumavel Dosepro	Sumatriptan injection
Misc. Neurological Therapy	Emflaza. Exondys 51,	Prednisone (for Emflaza)
Narcotic Analgesics	Butrans, Buprenorphine patch/transdermal,Opana ER, Oxycodone HCL ER	Fentanyl patch,Hydromorphone, Morphine, Oxymorphone, Hysingla ER, Nucynta ER, Oxycontin
Narcotic Antagonists	Evzio	Naloxone
Transmucosal Fentanyl Analgesics	Abstral, Fentora, Lazanda	Fentanyl Citrate lozenges
Dermatologic		
Oral Agents For Rosacea	Doxycycline 40 MG Capsules	Oracea
Topical Acne/Antibiotic Combinations	Aktipak, Veltin	Clindamycin/Benzoyl Peroxide, Clindamycin/Tretinoin, Acanya, Onexton
Topical Agents for Actinic Keratosis	Fluorouracil 0.5% Cream, Zyclara	Diclofenac gel, Fluorouracil 5% cream, Fluorouracil 2% solution, Imiquimod 5% cream, Carac, Picato

Diabetes		
Biguanides	Glumetza	Metformin ER
Blood Glucose Meters & Test Strips	Abbott (FreeStyle, Precision), ADV MED TECH (TRUEtest/track), Advocate, Bayer (Breeze, Contour), Liberty, Omnis® (Embrace, Victory), Roche (Accu-Chek), Ultima, UniStrip	LifeScan (OneTouch)
Dipeptidyl Peptidase-4 Inhibitors & Combinations	Alogliptin, Alogliptin-Metformin, Kazano, Kombiglyze XR	Januvia, Janumet/XR, Jentadueto/XR
Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 Agonists	Adlyxin	Trulicity
Insulin	Fiasp	Humalog
Ear/Nose		
Nasal Steroids	Beconase AQ, Omnaris, Veramyst	Budesonide, Flunisolide, Fluticasone, Mometasone, Qnasl
Otic Fluoroquinolone Antibiotics	Cetraxal	Ciprofloxacin, Ofloxacin, Ciprodex
Endocrine (Other)		
Growth Hormones	Nutropin AQ, Omnitrope, Saizen, Zomacton	Genotropin, Humatrope, Norditropin
Other Hormones	Forteo, Sandostatin Depot/LAR, Signafor LAR	Alendronate, Ibandronate, Risedronate, Zoledronic Acid, Tymlos ,Somatuline Dept
Topical Estrogen Gels	Estrogel	Divigel
Gastrointestinal		
Inflammatory Bowel Agents	Asacol HD, Delzicol, Mesalamine	balsalazide, sulfasalazine, Apriso, Lialda, Pentasa
Irritable Bowel Agents	Trulance	Amitiza, Linzess
Misc. Gastrointestinal Agents	Forenol	Lanthanum Carbonate
Pancreatic Enzymes	Pancreaze, Pertzye, Ultresa	Creon, Zenpep
Proton Pump Inhibitors	Aciphex Sprinkle, Prevacid Solutab, Prilosec Susp, Protonix Susp	Esomeprazole, lansoprazole, omeprazole, pantoprazole, rabeprazole, Nexium Packets
Hematological		
Erythropoiesis-Stimulating Agents	Epogen, Mircera	Procrit
Granulocyte Stimulant	Neupogen	Granix, Zarxio
Hepatitis**		
Antivirals	Ribasphere, Ribapak, Ribatab	Moderiba, Ribavirin capsules/tablets
Hepatitis C (genotype 1)	Daklinza, Olysio, Sovaldi	Viekira, Viekira XR, Harvoni
Inflammatory Conditions**		
Drugs for Inflammatory Conditions	Kineret, Siliq, Taltz, Tremfya	Actemra, Cosentyx, Enbrel, Humira, Otezla, Remicade, Stelara
Musculoskeletal/ Rheumatology		
Gout Therapy	Colchicine	Colcrys, Mitigare

Obstetrical & Gynecological		
Estrogen Modifiers	Femring	Estradiol patch/tabs, Yuvaferm, Estrace Cream, Estring, Premarin Cream/Tab
Gonadotropin-Releasing Hormone (GnRH) Antagonists	Ganirelix Acetate	No alternative available
Ovulatory Stimulants (Follitropins)	Bravelle, Follistim AQ	No alternative available
Vaginal Progestones	Endometrin	Crinone *% Gel
Ophthalmic		
Antiglaucoma Drugs	Istalol, Timoptic Occudose	Betaxolol drops, Levobunolol drops, Timolol drops, Alphagan P, Combigan
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Ophthalmic Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs)	Acuvail, Nevanac	Bromfenac drops, Diclofenac drops, Ketorolac drops, Ilevro, Prolensa
Osteoarthritis		
Hyaluronic Acid Derivatives	Gel-One, Gelsyn-3, Genvisc 850, Hyalgan Hymovis, Supartz/FX, Synvisc/One	No alternative available
Respiratory		
Epinephrine Auto-Injector Systems	Auvi-Q, Epinephrine Auto-Inj. (A-S, Impax, Lineage)	Epinephrine Auto-Inj. (Mylan), Epipen/Jr.
Pulmonary Anti-Inflammatory Inhalers	Alvesco	Arnuity Ellipta, Asmanex HFA/Twisthaler, Flovent Diskus/HFA, Pulmicort
Short-Acting Beta2-Agonist Inhalers	Proventil HFA, Xopenex HFA, Levalbuterol HFA	roAir HFA/RespiClick, Ventolin HFA
Excluded Medicines/ Products at a Glance		
Abbott (FreeStyle, Precision)	Follistim AQ	Protonix Susp
Abstral	Forteo	Proventil HFA
Aciphex Sprinkle Acuvail	Fortesta	Qsymia
Adlyxin	Ganirelix Acetate Gel-One	Renagel
ADV MED TECH (TRUEtest/track)	Gelsyn-3	ribasphere ribapak
Advocate	Genvisc 850	RibaTab
Aktpak	Glumetza	Roche (Accu-Chek)
Alogliptin	Hyalgan	Saizen
Alogliptin-Metformin	Hymovis	Sandostatin Depot/LAR
Alvesco	Istalol	Signafor LAR
Auvi Q	Kazano	Siliq
Asacol HD	Kineret	Sovaldi
Bayer (Breeze, Contour)	Kombiglyze XR	Staxyn
Beconase AQ	Lazanda	Stendra
Bravelle	Levalbuterol HFA	Sumavel
Buprenorphine	Levitra	Supartz/FX
Butrans	Mesalamine	Synvisc/Synvisc-One Taltz
Cetraxal	Mircera	Testim
Colchicine	Natesto	Testosterone Gel
Daklinza	Neupogen	Timoptic Occudose
Delzicol	Nevanac	Tremfya
Doxycycline 40mg Caps	Nutropin AQ	Trulance
Emflaza	Olysio	UniStrip
Endometrin	Omnaris	Veltin
Epinephrine Auto Inj.	Omnis (Embrace, Victory)	Veramyst
Epogen	Omnitrope	Victoza

Estrogel	Oxycodone HCl ER	Vogelxo
Evzio	Pancreaze	Xopenex HFA
Exondys 51	Pertzye	Zioptan
Femring	Prevacid Solutab	Zomacton
Fentora	Prilosec Susp	Zyclara
Fluorouracil 0.5%		

Excluded Brand-Name Medicines/Products (generics are covered)

Abilify	Lunesta	Valtrex
Aciphex	Minastrin 24 FE	Vytorin
Adderall	Nasonex	Wellbuterin SR
Androgel 1%	Plaquenil	Xanax/, Xanax XR
Anusol- HC	Plavix	Xenazine
Atacand, Atacand HCT	Tobi Solution	Zegerid
Azor	Tribenzor	Zetia
Benicar/ HCT	Prevacid	Zoloft
Bupap	Pristiq	Zyflo CR
Cymbalta	Protonix	
Cytomel	Provigil	
Effexor XR	Prozac	
Imitrex	Pulmicort Respules	
Inderal LA	Seroquel, Seroquel XR	
Intuniv	Singulair	
Lexapro	Strattera	
Librax	Tikosyn	
Lidoderm	Valuim	
Lovenox		