

<u>Step Therapy Medications</u>		
Step Therapy Group Description	Step Therapy Sequence	Step Therapy Criteria
AGGRENOX	Step-2: aspirin 25 mg-dipyridamole 200 mg capsule,ext.release 12 hr multiphase	If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): clopidigrel. Step 2 Drug(s): Aggrenox (aspirin/extended-release dipyridamole). Applies to New Starts Only.
ALPHAGAN P 0.15%	Step-2: ALPHAGAN P 0.15 % EYE DROPS	If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): brimonidine 0.15%. Step 2 Drug(s): Alphagan P 0.15%.
APTIOM	Step-2: APTIOM 200 MG TABLET or APTIOM 400 MG TABLET or APTIOM 600 MG TABLET or APTIOM 800 MG TABLET	If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Oxcarbazepine immediate-release, Lamotrigine immediate-release, Levetiracetam, Levetiracetam XR, Roweepra, Topiramate, Zonisamide. Step 2 Drug(s): Aptiom (eslicarbazepine). Applies to New Starts Only.
ARICEPT 23MG-B	Step-2: donepezil 23 mg tablet	If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): donepezil, donepezil disintegrating tablet. Step 2 Drug(s): donepezil 23mg. New starts Only.
AVODART	Step-2: AVODART 0.5 MG CAPSULE	If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): dutasteride. Step 2 Drug(s): Avodart.
COREG CR	Step-2: COREG CR 10 MG CAPSULE, EXTENDED RELEASE or COREG CR 20 MG CAPSULE, EXTENDED RELEASE or COREG CR 40 MG CAPSULE, EXTENDED RELEASE or COREG CR 80 MG CAPSULE, EXTENDED RELEASE	If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): carvedilol regular release. Step 2 Drug(s): Coreg CR. Applies to New Starts Only
CYCLOSET	Step-2: CYCLOSET 0.8 MG TABLET	If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): metformin. Step 2 Drug(s): Cycloset (bromocriptine mesylate)

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DEXILANT	Step-2: DEXILANT 30 MG CAPSULE, DELAYED RELEASE or DEXILANT 60 MG CAPSULE, DELAYED RELEASE	If the patient has tried TWO Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): omeprazole, pantoprazole, or lansoprazole. Step 2 Drug(s): Dexilant (dexlansoprazole). New Starts.
DOXEPIN HRM - C	Under CMS Review	
EXFORGE AGENTS	Step-2: EXFORGE 10 MG-160 MG TABLET or EXFORGE 10 MG-320 MG TABLET or EXFORGE 5 MG-160 MG TABLET or EXFORGE 5 MG-320 MG TABLET or EXFORGE HCT 10 MG-160 MG-12.5 MG TABLET or EXFORGE HCT 10 MG-160 MG-25 MG TABLET or EXFORGE HCT 10 MG-320 MG-25 MG TABLET or EXFORGE HCT 5 MG-160 MG-12.5 MG TABLET or EXFORGE HCT 5 MG-160 MG-25 MG TABLET	If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Amlodipine/Valsartan, Amlodipine/Valsartan/HCTZ . Step 2 Drug(s): Exforge, Exforge-HCT.

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FANAPT	Step-2: FANAPT 1 MG TABLET or FANAPT 10 MG TABLET or FANAPT 12 MG TABLET or FANAPT 1MG(2)-2 MG(2)-4MG(2)-6 MG(2) TABLETS IN A DOSE PACK or FANAPT 2 MG TABLET or FANAPT 4 MG TABLET or FANAPT 6 MG TABLET or FANAPT 8 MG TABLET	If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): olanzapine, paliperidone, quetiapine fumarate, risperidone, ziprasidone. Step 2 Drug(s): Fanapt (iloperidone), Fanapt Titration Pack (iloperidone). Applies to New Starts Only.
HYZAAR	Step-2: HYZAAR 100 MG-12.5 MG TABLET or HYZAAR 100 MG-25 MG TABLET or HYZAAR 50 MG-12.5 MG TABLET	If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Losartan/HCTZ . Step 2 Drug(s): Hyzaar.
JALYN	Step-2: JALYN 0.5 MG-0.4 MG CAPSULE, EXTENDED RELEASE	If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): dutasteride/tamsulosin. Step 2 Drug(s): Jalyn.
KHEDEZLA	Step-2: KHEDEZLA 100 MG TABLET,EXTENDED RELEASE or KHEDEZLA 50 MG TABLET,EXTENDED RELEASE	If the patient has tried TWO Step 1 drugs, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Bupropion, Citalopram, Desvenlafaxine ER, Escitalopram, Fluoxetine, Fluvoxamine, Mirtazapine, Paroxetine, Sertraline, Venlafaxine (immediate or extended-release products). Step 2 Drug(s): Khedezla. Applies to New Starts Only.
NASAL STEROID		Under CMS Review
NEXIUM GENERIC	Step-2: esomeprazole magnesium 20 mg capsule,delayed release or esomeprazole magnesium 40 mg capsule,delayed release	If the patient has tried TWO Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): omeprazole, pantoprazole, or lansoprazole. Step 2 Drug(s): Esomeprazole mag DR. New Starts

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NP BISPHOSPHONAT ES	Step-2: FOSAMAX 70 MG TABLET or FOSAMAX PLUS D 70 MG-2,800 UNIT TABLET or FOSAMAX PLUS D 70 MG-5,600 UNIT TABLET or risedronate 150 mg tablet or risedronate 30 mg tablet or risedronate 35 mg tablet or risedronate 35 mg tablet (12 pack) or risedronate 35 mg tablet (4 pack) or risedronate 5 mg tablet	If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Alendronate, ibandronate tablets. Step 2 Drug(s): Risedronate, Fosamax plus D, Fosamax 70mg.
RANEXA	Step-2: RANEXA 1,000 MG TABLET,EXTENDED RELEASE or RANEXA 500 MG TABLET,EXTENDED RELEASE	If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): any formulary Beta-blocker, Calcium-channel blocker, or Long-acting nitrate. Step 2 Drug(s): Ranexa (ranolazine)
SINEMET CR 25- 100 MG	Step-2: SINEMET CR 25 MG-100 MG TABLET,EXTENDED RELEASE	If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Carbidopa/Levodopa ER 25-100 mg. Step 2 Drug(s): Sinemet CR 25-100 mg.
STROMECTOL	Step-2: STROMECTOL 3 MG TABLET	If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Ivermectin. Step 2 Drug(s): Stromectol.
TEGRETOL 200MG	Step-2: TEGRETOL 200 MG TABLET	If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): carbamazepine 200mg tablet. Step 2 Drug(s): Tegretol 200mg tablet. Applies to New Starts Only.

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TEGRETOL XR	Step-2: TEGRETOL XR 100 MG TABLET,EXTENDED RELEASE or TEGRETOL XR 200 MG TABLET,EXTENDED RELEASE or TEGRETOL XR 400 MG TABLET,EXTENDED RELEASE	If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): carbamazepine ER tablet. Step 2 Drug(s): Tegretol XR tablet. Applies to New Starts Only.
THIORIDAZINE HRM	Step-2: thioridazine 10 mg tablet or thioridazine 100 mg tablet or thioridazine 25 mg tablet or thioridazine 50 mg tablet	If the patient has tried TWO Step 1 drugs, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s):aripiprazole, Fanapt (iloperidone), paliperidone, Latuda, Olanzapine, Quetiapine, Risperidone, Ziprasidone. Step 2 Drug(s): Thioridazine. New Starts Only
TIMOPTIC-XE 0.5%	Step-2: TIMOPTIC-XE 0.5 % EYE GEL	If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Timolol Maleate 0.5% Gel forming solution. Step 2 Drug(s): Timoptic XE 0.5%.
TRINTELLIX - B	Step-2: TRINTELLIX 10 MG TABLET or TRINTELLIX 20 MG TABLET or TRINTELLIX 5 MG TABLET	If the patient has tried TWO Step 1 drugs, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): citalopram, desvenlafaxine ER, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline, venlafaxine IR/ER. Step 2 Drug(s): Trintellix. Applies to New Starts Only.
TWYNSTA AGENTS	Step-2: TWYNSTA 40 MG-10 MG TABLET or TWYNSTA 40 MG-5 MG TABLET or TWYNSTA 80 MG-5 MG TABLET	If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): Telmisartan/Amlodipine. Step 2 Drug(s): Twynsta.
ULORIC	Step-2: ULORIC 40 MG TABLET or ULORIC 80 MG TABLET	If the patient has tried a Step 1 drug, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): allopurinol. Step 2 Drug(s): Uloric . Approve without trial of step 1 drug if Patient has contraindication to allopurinol use.

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VIIBRYD - B	Step-2: VIIBRYD 10 MG (7)-20 MG (23) TABLETS IN A DOSE PACK or VIIBRYD 10 MG TABLET or VIIBRYD 20 MG TABLET or VIIBRYD 40 MG TABLET	If the patient has tried TWO Step 1 drugs, then authorization for a Step 2 drug may be given. Step 1 Drug(s): citalopram, desvenlafaxine ER, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline, venlafaxine IR/ER. Step 2 Drug(s): Viibryd, Viibryd Titration Pack. Applies to New Starts Only.