



Preferred Drug List

Please refer to the preferred drug list (PDL) when prescribing for Amerigroup HealthPlus members. This guide does not contain a complete list of drugs; rather it lists the preferred drugs within the most commonly prescribed therapeutic categories.

The medications included in the PDL are reviewed and approved by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, which includes practicing Physicians and Pharmacists from the Amerigroup Provider community. The goal of the PDL is to provide cost-effective pharmacotherapy choices based on prospective, concurrent and retrospective review of medication therapies and utilization.

Products that are **CAPITALIZED** are brand name products. Products in **lower case** are generics and are generally preferred before brand name products.

Note: Many over-the-counter products are covered and should be considered for first line therapy when appropriate.

KEY:

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| * | age restrictions apply |
| PA | requires prior authorization |
| ST | requires trial of first step product |
| QL | daily dosage limits apply |
| RX | legend prescription product |
| X | requires distribution through CVS Caremark Specialty Pharmacy Services 800-237-2767 |
| N | Carved-out for NY SSI members only |
| GL | gender restrictions apply |
| OTC | over-the-counter available by prescription |

ANTIBACTERIALS

ANTIBIOTICS
CEPHALOSPORINS

- First Generation*
- cefadroxil
 - cephalexin
- Second Generation*
- cefaclor
 - cefprozil
 - cefuroxime axetil

- Third Generation*
- ST cefdinir
 - cefpodoxime

FLUOROQUINOLONES

- * AVELOX
- * ciprofloxacin
- * ofloxacin

MACROLIDES

- QL azithromycin
- QL clarithromycin
- QL erythromycin (all salt forms)

PENICILLINS

- amoxicillin
- amoxicillin/clavulanate

- ampicillin
 - dicloxacillin
 - penicillin VK
- SULFONAMIDES**
- sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim
- SULFADIAZINE

TETRACYCLINES

- doxycycline hyclate (50mg tab, 100mg tab/cap)
- minocycline
- tetracycline

ANTIFUNGALS

- QL clotrimazole troches
- QL fluconazole
- QL griseofulvin microsize oral suspension
- QL GRIS-PEG
- QL ketoconazole
- QL nystatin
- QL terbinafine

ANTIVIRALS

- acyclovir
- famciclovir

- PA X PEGASYS
- X ribavirin
- QL valacyclovir

HIV/AIDS

Please see Amerigroup formulary for covered agents.

INFLUENZA

- QL RELENZA
- QL TAMIFLU

MISCELLANEOUS

- chloroquine phosphate
- clindamycin
- dapsone
- ethambutol
- hydroxychloroquine
- isoniazid
- mebendazole
- QL mefloquine

- MEPRON
- metronidazole tabs
- neomycin
- QL nitrofurantoin macro
- pyrazinamide
- rifampin
- trimethoprim tabs

CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS

ACE INHIBITORS and COMBINATIONS

- benazepril, benazepril/HCTZ
- captopril, captopril/HCTZ
- enalapril, enalapril/HCTZ
- fosinopril, fosinopril/HCTZ
- lisinopril, lisinopril/HCTZ
- moexipril, moexipril/HCTZ
- perindopril
- quinapril, quinapril/HCTZ

ANGIOTENSIN II RECEPTOR BLOCKERS

- QL ST losartan, losartan/HCTZ

ANTICOAGULANTS

- warfarin

ANTIPLATELET AGENTS

- QL OTC aspirin
- cilostazol
- QL dipyridamole
- QL PLAVIX

BETA BLOCKERS and COMBINATIONS

- acebutolol
- atenolol
- atenolol/chlorthalidone
- betaxolol
- bisoprolol, bisoprolol/HCTZ
- carvedilol
- labetalol
- metoprolol, metoprolol HCTZ
- metoprolol ext rel
- nadolol
- pindolol
- propranolol,

- propranolol/HCTZ
- propranolol ext rel
- sotalol
- timolol

CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS

- amlodipine
- diltiazem ext-rel
- felodipine ext-rel
- nifedipine ext-rel
- nicardipine
- verapamil ext-rel

DIURETICS

- amiloride/HCTZ
- bumetanide
- chlorthalidone
- furosemide
- hydrochlorothiazide
- indapamide
- metolazone
- spironolactone
- spironolactone/HCTZ
- toremide
- triamterene/HCTZ

LIPID LOWERING AGENTS

- cholestyramine
- QL fenofibrate
- QL gemfibrozil
- QL lovastatin
- QL niacin OTC
- QL pravastatin
- QL simvastatin
- QL Slo-Niacin, Niacin SR OTC
- QL ST VYTORIN
- QL PA ZETIA

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

- QL donepezil
- QL galantamine, ER
- QL NAMENDA

ANALGESICS

- QL AVINZA
- QL codeine/APAP

QL fentanyl transdermal
QL hydrocodone/acetaminophen
QL hydrocodone/ibuprofen
QL hydromorphone
QL meperidine
QL methadone
QL morphine tab, soln, suppository
QL oxycodone, oxycodone/APAP
QL propoxyphene,
propoxyphene/APAP

MISCELLANEOUS

QL tramadol; tramadol/APAP

ANTICONVULSANTS

QL carbamazepine
QL clonazepam tabs
QL DILANTIN INFATABS
QL divalproex del-rel, ER,
sprinkle
ethosuximide
QL felbamate
QL gabapentin
QL levetiracetam
QL phenobarbital
QL phenytoin sod ext-rel
QL valproic acid

ANTIDEPRESSANTS

QL amitriptyline
QL amitriptyline/perphenazine
QL AMOXAPINE
QL bupropion, bupropion SR
and XL
QL chlordiazepoxide
/amitriptyline
QL desipramine
QL doxepin
QL imipramine
QL maprotiline
QL mirtazapine
QL nortriptyline
QL phenelzine
QL protriptyline
QL SURMONTIL

QL tranlycypromine
QL trazodone

SNRIs

QL ST venlafaxine
QL ST venlafaxine XR

SSRIs

QL citalopram
QL fluoxetine
QL fluvoxamine
QL paroxetine hcl
QL sertraline

ANTIPSYCHOTICS

QL chlorpromazine
QL * clozapine
QL fluphenazine, decanoate,
inj
QL haloperidol tabs, decanoate
inj.

QL N* INVEGA SUSTENNA
QL lithium carbonate
QL lithium carbonate ext rel
QL loxapine
QL * olanzapine
QL ORAP
QL perphenazine
QL N* RISPERDAL CONSTA
QL * risperidone tablet
QL ST * SEROQUEL
QL ST * SEROQUEL XR

QL thioridazine
QL thiothixene
QL trifluoperazine
QL * ziprasidone

ANXIETY

QL alprazolam
QL buspirone
QL chlordiazepoxide
QL clonazepam
QL clorazepate
QL diazepam
QL hydroxyzine HCl, pamoate
QL lorazepam
QL oxazepam

ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER

QL * amphet/dextroamph, ER
QL * dexmethylphenidate
QL * dextroamphetamine, ext-rel
QL * FOCALIN XR
QL ST * INTUNIV
QL * methylphenidate, ext-rel
QL * METADATE CD
QL * STRATTERA

MIGRAINE

QL amitriptyline
QL butalbital/APAP/caff/codeine
QL butalbital/ASA/caff/codeine
QL naratriptan
propranolol, propranolol ext-rel
QL sumatriptan inj, tabs, spray

PARKINSON'S DISEASE

ST amantadine, except tabs
benztropine
bromocriptine
carbidopa/levodopa
carbidopa/levodopa ext-rel
pramipexole
ropinirole
selegiline caps, tabs
TASMAR
trihexyphenidyl

SEDATIVE/HYPNOTICS

QL chloral hydrate
QL temazepam
QL triazolam
QL zolpidem

COUGH & COLD

QL* dextromethorphan syrup
QL diphenhydramine liquid,capsules
QL* quaifenesin syrup
QL* quaifenesin w/codeine syrup
QL* promethazine w/codeine syrup
QL* promethazine w/DM syrup
QL* pseudoephedrine syrup, tablets
QL* saline spray, drops

DERMATOLOGY

ACNE ORAL

doxycycline hyclate (50mg tab,
100mg tab/cap)
isotretinoin
minocycline
tetracycline
ACNE TOPICAL
benzoyl peroxide cm, gel, liq, lot
clindamycin gel, soln
erythromycin /bp gel, soln
metronidazole cream
sodium sulfacetamide/sulfur lotion

QL * tretinoin

ANTIBACTERIALS

OTC chlorhexidine
mupirocin oint
silver sulfadiazine

CORTICOSTEROIDS

*Products are grouped based upon
relative potency.*

LOW

QL alclometasone dipropionate
QL DERMA-SMOOTH/FS
QL desonide
QL fluocinolone acetonide soln
QL hydrocortisone crm, lotion, oint
MEDIUM

QL betamethasone valerate crm,oint
QL desoximetasone crm
QL fluocinolone acetonide crm, oint
QL fluticasone propionate crm, oint
QL hydrocortisone valerate crm,
oint

QL mometasone furoate crm, oint,
lotion
QL triamcinolone acet crm, lot, oint

HIGH

QL amcinonide crm, oint, lot
QL betamethasone dipr crm, oint
QL desoximetasone crm, oint
QL diflorasone diacetate crm
QL fluocinonide crm, gel, oint, crm

QL triamcinolone acetonide crm, oint
VERY HIGH

QL aug. betamethasone dipr oint
QL clobetasol propionate crm, oint
QL diflorasone diacetate oint
QL halobetasol propionate crm, oint

FUNGAL INFECTIONS

OTC clotrimazole
QL econazole
ketoconazole tabs,
cream,shampoo
nystatin
nystatin/triamcinolone

SCABIES AND PEDICULOSIS

QL OVIDE
QL permethrin 5% cream
QL OTC permethrin 1% rinse
OTC pyrethrins/piperonyl
butoxide 4%

VIRAL INFECTIONS

podofilox
QL OTC salicylic acid 17%
QL ZOVIRAX Topical

MISCELLANEOUS

QL ammonium lactate 12%
QL ST * ELIDEL
QL lidocaine cream, lidocaine HC
QL lidocaine/prilocaine crm
QL ST LIDODERM
QL selenium sulfide shampoo
QL urea crm/gel 40%

EAR, NOSE, & THROAT

acetic acid/aluminum acetate
benzocaine/antipyrine
OTC carbamide peroxide 6.5%
neomycin/polymyxinB/hc

QL ofloxacin

ANTI-HISTAMINES

QL azelastine spray
QL OTC cetirizine
QL cyproheptadine
QL OTC diphenhydramine
QL OTC * fexofenadine
QL OTC loratadine

INTRANASAL STEROIDS

QL flunisolide
 QL fluticasone

ENDOCRINOLOGY**ANTIDIABETICS****INJECTABLE AGENTS**

QL PA BYETTA

INSULINS (*Only insulin vials are available for age 19 and older*)

QL APIDRA
 QL HUMULIN
 QL HUMALOG MIX
 QL LANTUS
 QL NOVOLIN
 QL NOVOLOG MIX

MONITORING STRIPS AND KITS/DIABETIC SUPPLIES

TrueTest (Nipro)
 lancets, syringes, needles

ORAL AGENTS

QL ST ACTOS
 glimepiride
 glipizide, glipizide ext- rel
 glyburide, glyburide
 micronized
 glyburide/metformin
 QL ST JANUMET
 QL ST JANUVIA
 QL ST JUVISYNC
 QL ST KOMBIGLYZE XR
 QL metformin, metformin XR
 QL nateglinide
 QL ST ONGLYZA
 QL PRANDIN

HUMAN GROWTH HORMONE

PA X TEV-TROPIN

OSTEOPOROSIS/PAGETS

QL alendronate
 QL EVISTA
 PA X FORTEO

THYROID DISEASE

levothyroxine
 liothyronine
 methimazole
 propylthiouracil

GASTROINTESTINAL**DIARRHEA**

diphenoxylate/atropine
 OTC loperamide

EMESIS

QL EMEND
 OTC meclizine
 metoclopramide
 QL ondansetron ODT
 prochlorperazine
 promethazine

GERD/HEARTBURN/ULCERS

OTC RX famotidine
 * nizatidine soln
 RX QL omeprazole 20mg cap
 OTC QL PREVACID-24HR
 OTC RX ranitidine (tabs only)

INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE

QL ASACOL/ASACOL HD
 QL CANASA
 QL CORTIFOAM
 QL mesalamine rectal susp
 QL PENTASA
 sulfasalazine

PANCREATIC ENZYMES

QL CREON
 QL PANCREAZE
 ST QL ZENPEP

RHEUMATOLOGY and MUSCULOSKELETAL**COX II INHIBITORS**

ST QL CELEBREX

MUSCLE RELAXANTS

QL baclofen
 QL carisoprodol, carisoprodol/ASA

chlorzoxazone
 QL cyclobenzaprine
 dantrolene
 QL methocarbamol
 QL tizanidine

NSAIDs

diclofenac, diclofenac ext-rel
 etodolac, etodolac ext-rel
 flurbiprofen
 ibuprofen
 indomethacin
 ketoprofen
 meloxicam
 nabumetone
 naproxen sodium
 piroxicam
 sulindac

MISC. ANTIRHEUMATIC

azathioprine
 CUPRIMINE
 flurbiprofen
 QL ketorolac
 LOTEMAX
 QL neomycin/polymyxinB/
 dexamethasoneprednisolone
 acetate/ phosphate 1%
 RIDAURA
 sulfasalazine

OB-GYN**CONTRACEPTIVES**

All generic oral contraceptives are covered (28 day products only)

NUVARING
 ORTHO EVRA
 ORTHO TRI-CYCLEN LO

HORMONE**THERAPY/MENOPAUSE**

GL CENESTIN
 GL estradiol tabs & transdermal
 GL ethinyl estradiol/norethindrone
 GL estropipate
 GL medroxyprogesterone acetate
 GL norethindrone
 GL PREMARIN
 GL PREMPHASE

GL PREMPRO

VAGINAL INFECTIONS

clindamycin crm
 OTC clotrimazole crm
 fluconazole tabs
 metronidazole tabs
 metronidazole vaginal gel
 OTC miconazole
 nystatin vaginal tablet
 terconazole

OPHTHALMIC**ALLERGY**

QL ALOMIDE
 QL cromolyn sodium
 QL OTC ketotifen (ALAWAY only)

ANTI-INFLAMMATORIES

dexamethasone sodium phos
 QL diclofenac
 fluorometholone
 flurbiprofen
 QL ketorolac
 LOTEMAX
 QL neomycin/polymyxinB/
 dexamethasoneprednisolone
 acetate/ phosphate 1%

PRED MILD

sulfacetamide/prednisolone phos
 tobramycin ointment
 tobramycin/dexamethasone drops
 VEXOL

GLAUCOMA

QL BETIMOL
 QL brimonidine
 QL dorzolamide
 QL dorzolamide/timolol
 QL latanoprost
 QL levobunolol
 QL pilocarpine
 QL timolol maleate (solution only)

INFECTIONS

QL bacitracin
 QL bacitracin/polymyxin B oint

QL ciprofloxacin
 QL erythromycin
 QL gentamicin
 neomycin/polymyxin B/gramicidin
 ofloxacin
 polymyxin B/trimethoprim
 sulfacetamide 10%
 tobramycin
 QL rifluridine
 PA VIGAMOX
 PA ZYMAXID

RESPIRATORY DRUGS**BETA AGONISTS**

QL albuterol tabs, syrup
 QL FORADIL
 QL metaproterenol syrup
 QL SEREVENT DISKUS
 QL terbutaline
 QL PROAIR HFA
 QL VENTOLIN HFA

CORTICOSTEROIDS

QL FLOVENT HFA/DISKUS
 QL QVAR

LEUKOTRIENE MODIFIERS

QL zafirlukast

NEBULIZER INHALATIONS

QL albuterol soln
 QL *budesonide susp
 QL cromolyn soln
 QL ipratropium soln
 QL ipratropium/albuterol soln

OTHERS

QL ADVAIR DISKUS/HFA
 QL ATROVENT HFA
 QL COMBIVENT MDI
 QL DULERA
 QL SPIRIVA
 QL SYMBICORT

UROLOGICAL

alfuzosin
 bethanechol
 doxazosin
 GL finasteride

QL oxybutynin, oxybutynin ext-rel
tamsulosin
terazosin

SMOKING DETERRENENTS

QL bupropion sustained
release

QL PA CHANTIX

OTC QL nicotine patch, gum,
lozenges

MISCELLANEOUS

QL EPIPEN, EPIPEN Jr.