

MCG message

Title: **Pharmacy Benefit Update – Formulary Changes**

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Summary: Blue Cross Complete is a member of Michigan Managed Care Common Formulary Workgroup. The formulary changes below meet requirements set forth by the State of Michigan and the Common Formulary Workgroup. All changes included in this document will be implemented November 1, 2021. Some changes may require prescriber/pharmacy intervention.

Please note: changes established by the Common Formulary Workgroup may not be posted immediately on our website. Please allow time for documents to be updated and posted and for the searchable formulary to be updated. New information will be posted as soon as possible prior to the implementation date.

New drug updates:

- **Bronchitol (mannitol) inhalation powder**
 - Non-preferred drug class: cystic fibrosis - inhaled osmotic agents
 - A sugar alcohol indicated as add-on maintenance therapy to improve pulmonary function in adult patients 18 years of age and older with cystic fibrosis.
 - Added to formulary as Tier 4, prior authorization required.
- **Gemtesa (vibegron) tablets**
 - Preferred drug class: urinary tract antispasmodics
 - A selective β 3-adrenergic receptor agonist indicated for the treatment of overactive bladder in adults who have symptoms of urge urinary incontinence, urgency, and urinary frequency.
 - Added to formulary as Tier 3.
- **Ponvory (ponesimod) tablets**
 - Preferred drug class: multiple sclerosis agents
 - A sphingosine 1-phosphate receptor modulator indicated for the treatment of relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, to include clinically isolated syndrome, relapsing-remitting disease, and active secondary progressive disease, in adults.
 - Added to formulary as Tier 3.

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- ***Qdolo (tramadol) oral solution***
 - Preferred drug class: narcotics – short and intermediate acting
 - An opioid agonist indicated in adults for the management of pain severe enough to require an opioid analgesic and for which alternative treatments are inadequate.
- ***Reltone (ursodiol) capsules***
 - Preferred drug class: bile salts
 - A bile acid indicated for patients with radiolucent, noncalcified gallbladder stones less than 20 mm in greatest diameter in whom elective cholecystectomy would be undertaken except for the presence of increased surgical risk due to systemic disease, advanced age, idiosyncratic reaction to general anesthesia, or for those patients who refuse surgery.
 - Added to formulary as Tier 3.
- ***Zegalogue (dasiglucagon) injection***
 - New preferred drug class: glucagon agents
 - An antihypoglycemic agent indicated for the treatment of severe hypoglycemia in pediatric and adult patients with diabetes aged 6 years and above.
 - Added to formulary as Tier 3.

Preferred drug class updates:

- **Diabetes**
 - Oral hypoglycemics: combinations
 - ***Synjardy*** (empagliflozin/metformin) tablets
 - Moved to Tier 1
 - Glucagon agents (new preferred drug class as of 11/1/2021)
 - Moved to Tier 1
 - ***Baqsimi*** (glucagon) nasal powder
 - Quantity limit = 2 devices per 30 days
 - ***Glucagen hypokit*** (glucagon, human recombinant) injection
 - ***Glucagon*** (glucagon, human recombinant) emergency kit
 - Lilly or Amphastar ONLY
 - ***Proglycem*** (diazoxide) suspension
 - Moved to Tier 3
 - ***Diazoxide*** (generic for proglycem) suspension
 - ***Glucagon*** (glucagon HCL) emergency kit (Fresenius)

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- **Gvoke** (glucagon) pen, syringe
 - Quantity limit = 2 syringes per 30 days
- **Zegalogue** (dasiglucagon) pen, syringe
- **Gastrointestinal**
 - Bile salts
 - Added **Reltone** (ursodiol) capsules as Tier 3.
 - Proton pump inhibitors
 - Moved **pantoprazole suspension** (generic for Protonix) to Tier 3.
- **Miscellaneous**
 - Antihyperuricemic agents
 - Moved **colchicine tablets** (generic for Colcris) to Tier 1.
 - Moved **mitigare** (colchicine) capsules to Tier 3.
 - Colony stimulating factors
 - Moved **Fulphila** (pegfilgrastim-jmdb) to Tier 3.
 - Urinary tract antispasmodics
 - Added **Gemtesa** (vibegron) tablets as Tier 3.

Non-preferred drug class updates:

- Antidotes and other reversal agents
 - Narcan 4 mg nasal spray
 - Quantity limit updated to 6 units/90 days
 - Kloxxado 8 mg nasal spray
 - Quantity limit updated to 6 units/90 days
- Anti-Infective agents
 - Ivermectin 3 mg tablet
 - Added quantity limit = 10 tablets/30 days
- Endocrine
 - Desmopressin 1.5 mg/ml spray
 - Generic for stimate – GSN remains Tier 4 with prior authorization.
- Gastrointestinal therapy agents
 - Promethazine suppositories
 - Added quantity limit = 4 suppositories/day for 12.5 mg and 25 mg
 - Added quantity limit = 2 suppositories/day for 50 mg
 - Cimetidine 300 mg/5 mL solution
 - Added as Tier 4

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References

1. Blue Cross Complete website – Pharmacy Benefits page
 - a. mibluccrosscomplete.com/pharmacy
 - b. Go to: Preferred drug list section of website
2. Medicaid Health Plan Pharmacy Benefit – Common Formulary website
 - a. michigan.gov/mcopharmacy*
3. Michigan Department of Health and Human Services – FFS Medicaid website
 - a. michigan.magellanrx.com/provider/*

Carve out drugs

If a carve out drug is billed to the Blue Cross Complete, the pharmacy will receive a NCPDP 831 reject error. Carve out drugs must be billed through FFS Medicaid. If applicable, prior authorization for a carve out drug must also go through FFS Medicaid. For billing assistance, call the Magellan Clinical Call Center at **1-877-864-9014**.

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